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Wall comes down, tension rises

Amnesty week suffers vandalism setback

By AARON BAILEY
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Torn pieces of plastic dangled in front of the Student Union Tuesday night after an

act of vandalism damaged Amnesty International's 16-foot representation of the Israeli/Palestinian separation wall.

When Amy Carr, a student leader of Amnesty International, saw the damage late Tuesday, she was distraught.

"When I saw the wall had been blatantly torn apart, I was frustrated and disappointed that

I live on a campus where no one respects others' ideas and beliefs," Carr said. "If I do express myself, I'm met with violent and ignorant oppression. But hopefully, we can turn this into a positive and raise more awareness."

Clarence Green, head of Campus Safety, said an investigation is underway, and, as of

yet, there are no suspects. He said that in past investigations of vandalism, Campus Safety has been "pretty successful" in not only making contact with a suspect, but in subsequent arrests.

Kent Porterfield, vice president for Student Affairs, met with Amnesty leaders and their adviser (Please see "Wall" page 6A)



Tuesday

Amnesty International student leader Amy Carr spray paints a message onto a 16-foot wall hung near the Bell Tower on Tuesday.



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Remains of the wall put up by Amnesty are shown after it was ripped sometime Tuesday night. The incident is currently under investigation by Campus Safety.

Academy seeks Student Senate representative

Voting for Referendum A will continue until Friday

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
CHIEF REPORTER

Student Senate could be adding a voting member from the Missouri Academy pending the results from this week's WebStar vote.

Referendum A, which has been on WebStar since Monday and will end at 5 p.m. Friday, would put the total of voting members to 29.

"I don't think the Academy is well represented on this campus," Academy student Sasha Eckstein said. "This is the first step towards getting that voice."

If Referendum A passes, the academy will become the third group of students in the last year to be represented in Senate. A nontraditional student representative was added last trimester, and a graduate student representative was added last fall.

"When it first came to us, my first reaction was, 'Wow, this hasn't happened yet?'" off-campus representative Derek Gillespie said. "I felt that they were served an injustice, but I championed for (the referendum)."

The Missouri Academy will hold a vote to determine their representative if the referendum passes.

"The Student Senate always benefits from additional perspectives, such as the Academy," Treasurer Janson Thomas said. "One of the graduate student positions was eliminated, which opened up an extra spot."

Last month, the governmental affairs committee proposed to eliminate a graduate position due to lack of attendance. Gillespie is hopeful the Academy will benefit from the opportunity to participate in Senate.

"Hopefully, they stay (at Northwest)," he said. "A lot of them leave after two (Please see "Academy" page 6A)



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Horace Mann third-grader Dakota Chambers matches a Spanish word with the corresponding picture during Reina Drake's Spanish class. Since the enactment of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, educators have felt additional pressure to meet state-set standards that many feel are unattainable. More than 200 Missouri schools are appealing their failing status under the law.

NO CHILD

By ABBY SIMONS
MANAGING EDITOR

To federal legislators, it was a godsend—the perfect answer to declining test scores for American public school children and an ingenious plan to increase accountability for educators.

But to Jay Reese, superintendent of the Maryville R-II School District, the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 has proven itself as little more than the result of good intentions gone horribly wrong.

"I think it's a bust, and I think it's politically motivated," he said. "With some of the basic tenets they use, such as a quality education and quality teachers, it's pretty hard to argue against. But when you look at the nuts and bolts of the legislation, you find that it's a lot of verbiage, and I don't believe it's leading us in the right direction."

LEFT BEHIND?

Federal law may cause more harm than help to schools

Reese isn't alone. Since the January 2001 signing of the bill lauded by the U.S. Department of Education as a "landmark in education reform" and by President Bush as "the cornerstone of my administration," educators from across the nation have protested the standards of the new law as unattainable. In Missouri alone, more than 200 school districts are currently appealing their status as "failing" under the law.

"Everyone is feeling pressured here, and I don't think you'll find anyone who'll say we don't need to continue to strive to improve," Reese said. "But the standards and accountability are not consistent, are not thought out, and it just consists of using time filling out paperwork instead of teaching our kids."

The act is geared toward a national goal that all children be proficient (Please see "Federal" page 6A)

The heat is up: Prices to burn more dollars S.O.S. walk raises awareness

Customers of Aquila to see a \$9.80 increase per month on heat bills

By STEPHANIE SUKOW
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Leaves are falling, and so are the temperatures, but, unfortunately, heating prices aren't following suit.

Beginning Nov. 14, Maryville residential and commercial customers of Aquila will pay 10.65 percent more for natural gas commonly used for

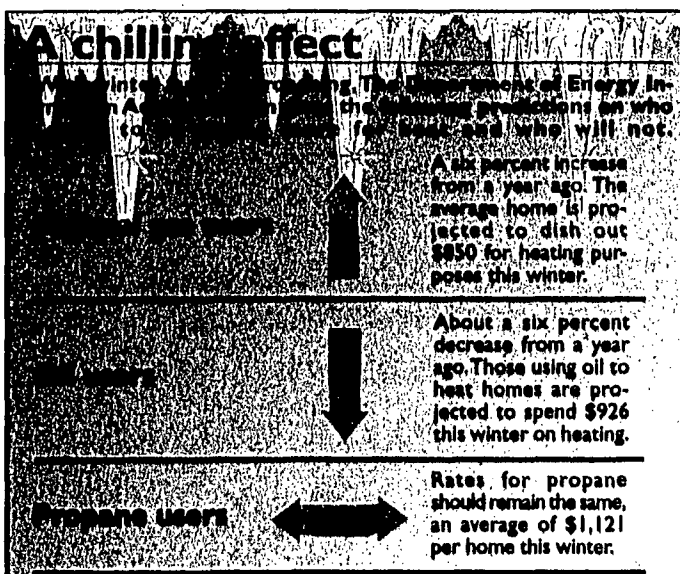
heating.

This rise in price means that customers will pay on average about \$9.80 more monthly for 1,200 square feet of space from November to March 2004.

According to Aquila representative George Minter, this price change is necessary due to the increase in gas supply costs for the business.

"Natural gas is a commodity that is based on supply and demand," Minter said. "When the gas market goes up, it costs more for us to supply it to the customer."

Minter said that customers should not be alarmed because the increase (Please see "The heat" page 6A)



Parents of past rape victim speaks to several at event

By GINNY FRANCIS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

"It's been 10 years of us bringing light into areas of darkness," Gene Schmidt said last night at the ninth annual Speak Out for Stephanie Silent Walk.

Gene and his wife Peggy were speaking in remembrance of their deceased daughter, Stephanie Schmidt. Stephanie was a student at Pittsburg State University in 1993 when she was raped and murdered by a co-worker who had previously

spent 10 years in prison for rape.

The Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority hosted the annual S.O.S. walk to also help raise awareness for women's personal safety. In 1995, a similar event took place at Northwest when Karen Hawkins, a Sigma member, was also raped and murdered.

"The main issue here is that silence can kill," said Nicole Goldstein, Sigma's event chairwoman. "We want all the participants of the walk to be aware of their surroundings because you never know what can happen."

The (Please see "S.O.S." page 6A)

Spotlight still pushing for big names

Well-known comedian Dave Attell will make his way to campus in January

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
CHIEF REPORTER

As talks about a student activity fee continue to be discussed, the opportunity to get top-named artists and comedians to come to Maryville this trimester have slipped by the wayside.

However, Spotlight President Dan Whitacre said comedian David Attell could be coming to Mary Linn Auditorium in mid-January. Attell is an up and coming comedian who also starred in the 2001 movie "Pootie Tang" with Chris Rock.

"We were going to have it as a well-known back show," Whitacre said.

Whitacre said the date he is considering is the week of Jan. 18-22.

One of the reasons Spotlight was not able to get a concert or act this fall was due to the budget.

"We're going to wait and see if this activity fee gets passed because it will be a completely different concert if we get that," said Bryan VanOsdale, director of Campus Activities and Greek Life.

However, the proposed bill would not be implemented until next year according to Kent Porterfield, vice president of Student Affairs.

"It would seem to me that a vote would have to happen early in 2004," Porterfield said. "In order to get (the activities fee) proposed to the Board and Cabinet, they'll have to pass it through a student vote."

If the proposal does go through the Cabinet and the Board of Regents, Whitacre is confident good things can happen.

"Most of the people I talk to, I tell them they'll have to pay a little bit of money, but that it will be worth it," Whitacre said. "Athletic Director Bob Boeriger took us around the new stadium and said we could have shows there. We could have big bands like Nickelback, and maybe twice a semester. We could do huge things."

The current budget for Spotlight is \$50,000, Whitacre said. But there is currently a focus group composed of Student Senate officers and other campus representatives to get an activity fee to pump more money into the budget.

"I feel a student activity fee would be beneficial when you compare (Northwest) to other schools," said Bryan Becker, student ambassador and focus group member. "We need to try to bring other groups and acts here."

While this student-led initiative to propose a direct fee may seem foreign to some students, Ray Courter, vice president of Finance, remembers when students did exactly that.

"Back in 1990 or 1991, the Student Senate helped lead the information about (Please see "Spotlight" page 6A)

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For a story on Wednesday night's School Board meeting and a story on Gov. Bob Holden's visit to Maryville last Thursday, log on to Missouriianonline.com.

This week's Buzz reviews:

Check out reviews of "Cat in the Hat," "The Bachelor" finale and the American Music Awards this week on the Buzz at Missouriianonline.com

Last week's poll:

When it becomes available, will you choose the Safe Ride program instead of driving drunk?

37.0% Kenny Chesney
37.0% Guns n' Roses
13.6% Jeff Foxworthy
12.3% David Copperfield

Online poll:

What is your favorite Thanksgiving Day dish?

a. Turkey and stuffing
b. Pumpkin Pie
c. Colt 45 and a Happy Meal
d. Leftover pizza

Confronting terror: Activist tells of atrocities

By AARON BAILEY
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Peace activist Joe Carr vividly remembers the day his friend and fellow activist Thomas Herndall, was shot in the head by an Israeli soldier, while trying to get several Palestinian children out of the line of fire.

"I couldn't let go of those bloody bandages, and, in a way, I still can't let go," Carr said. "I'm still trying to get closure."

This was just one story shared by Carr in a Tuesday night presentation, sponsored by Amnesty International. Carr, a 22-year-old student at Grinnell College in Iowa, told of his experiences from his stay in the Middle East from Jan. 11 through April 22, 2003.

In the large impoverished city of Rafah in the southern part of the Gaza strip, Carr and Herndall were serving as members of the International Solidarity Movement. Carr said the group brings international peace activists into the Middle East to help in non-violent protests against Israeli "occupancy and aggression."

On April 11, several ISM members, including Carr and Herndall, were asked by area Palestinian families to set up a roadblock to stop Israeli tanks from patrolling a street where large numbers of Palestinian children played.

Israeli soldiers opened fire from a



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY MATT FRYE/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR PHOTOS COURTESY OF JOE CARR
In the foreground, activist Joe Carr collects himself after tending to fellow activist Thomas Herndall, who was critically wounded by an Israeli soldier. Carr spent more than three months in the Middle East working to promote peace for the International Solidarity Movement.

guard tower along a controversial separation wall that is currently under construction. The activists and children sought cover behind a large mound of dirt, but some of the children, in the chaos of what was happening, were frozen in shock.

There were 20 or so kids playing, and when the towers started firing, they were scared, and some didn't

move. Tom was trying to get two of the kids behind this mound when a sniper shot him directly in the head," Carr said. "He was clearly marked as an international worker."

Herndall, a 22-year-old photographer from England, has been on full life support since. Herndall's parents are currently debating taking their son off the device.

Although Carr witnessed countless atrocities, including the death of friend and activist Rachel Corrie who was hit by an Israeli bulldozer while trying to save the house of her host family, Carr said he was uplifted by the resiliency of the Palestinian families.

"It was really inspiring, their ability to maintain humanity and the humanization of the soldiers who were

attacking them," Carr said.

During his stay, Carr was hosted by several Palestinian families, who provided him with shelter and food.

"I was greeted with the most lavish hospitality imaginable," Carr said. "It's almost as if we didn't have a choice—we were given food, and we were going to eat."

While staying with the host family, whose house according to Carr, was demolished by Israeli bulldozers several weeks after he left, he hung a giant sign that read, "Please don't shoot, children and internationals here."

Carr also stayed with a Palestinian resistance fighter in Gaza City. He was taken aback by something the man said.

"I was talking with him about opposing terrorism and all his efforts of preventing Hamas from blowing up busses, and he said, 'I'm not afraid to die—I'm much more afraid to kill,'" Carr said. "That really stuck with me."

While some would contend activists such as Carr glorify the suicide bombings by Palestinian militants, Carr contends he is adamantly opposed to terrorism of any kind.

"I believe we're opposing terrorism—and in a non-violent way by aiding and giving an example of non-violent protests that Palestinians could use," Carr said. "We generally believe what we did was in the best interests of the Israeli people as well. The illegal occupation (by Israel) is a form of terrorism. As opposing the occupation, I'm opposing terrorism from both sides."

University Events

Thursday through Sunday:
Geography Awareness Week

Thurs. 20
■ Great American Smoke-out
■ Wind Symphony/Orchestra concert, 8 p.m., Mary Linn Auditorium
■ Peer Education meetings/training
■ Organizational Phone-a-thon

Fri. 21
■ Organizational Phone-a-thon

Sat. 22
■ No events

Sun. 23
■ Tower Choir/University Choral concert, 3 p.m., Mary Linn Auditorium
■ Kabbalah Day (Japan)

Mon. 24
■ IM Three-on-three basketball entries due, noon

Tues. 25
■ Thanksgiving vacation begins, 5 p.m.
■ Student payday

Wed. 26
■ Speech contest, 7 p.m., Student Union Ballroom

Mankiller lectures on power of pride, resilience

By ABBY SIMONS
MANAGING EDITOR

Born penniless on ancestral Cherokee lands only to grow up in the toughest neighborhoods of San Francisco, it was the motivation of two simple words that made Wilma Mankiller living proof that with enough grit, anything is possible.

"Growing up, it was always, 'Yeah, but...'" she said. "I had a lot of people around me who always saw good things, no matter what was happening around them. If someone had diabetes and had to have a leg amputated, they would say 'Yeah, but I can still quilt.' It was just that sense of community and knowing that the only way to survive was by being positive and helping each other."

It was such "Yeah, but..." resilience in the face of adversity that earned Mankiller the title of first woman chief of the 220,000-member Cherokee Nation from 1985-95.

The former chief, Native American activist and winner of numerous national awards shared the story of her journey to a packed house at Mary Linn Auditorium Monday as the second installment of the

Ploghoft Diversity Lecture Series. Mankiller's visit was organized in part by Barbara Crossman, assistant professor of education and a member of the Cherokee Nation, who served in the tribe under Mankiller's leadership.

"She's a dynamic woman, she's a person who makes things happen, and she makes a difference," Crossman said. "I knew that if everyone could hear her, they'd love her like I do."

Among Mankiller's main platforms, which, at age 59, she continues to vocally support today, is the preservation of culture not only for the Cherokee, but also for all native tribes in a land where such ways of life have all but disappeared.

"It's amazing to me how, after several hundred years together, there is still such little understanding of native people," she said. "We watch your TV, we go to your schools, we listen to your music. We know everything about you, but you know nothing about us."

A deep-rooted and continuing pride in her heritage is understandable for Mankiller, whose last name is derived from the Cherokee title for tribal leaders who kept

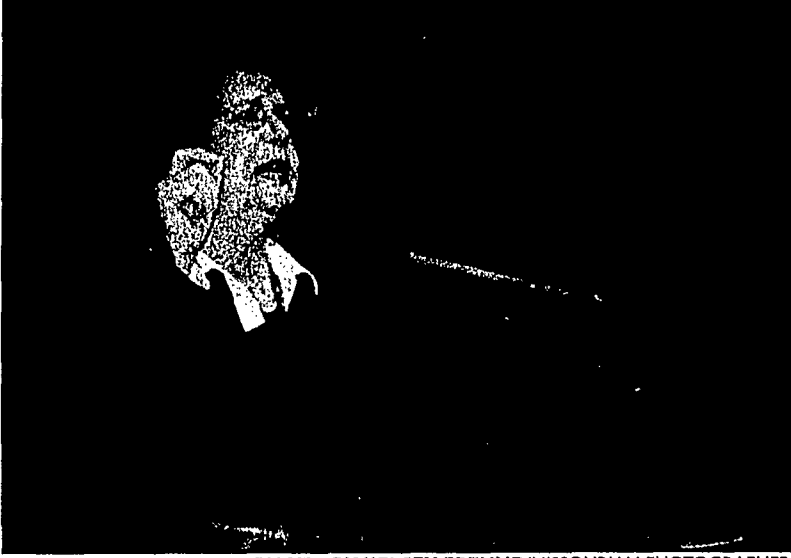


PHOTO BY KELSEY FREUND/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
Former Cherokee Indian Chief Wilma Mankiller speaks to students and citizens of Maryville on Monday night about her Native American culture. "What we have is precious and unique," she said.

watch over the village. An ancestor in the 1700s revered his title so much that the name stuck.

Mankiller grew to become among the most revered of Cherokee chiefs by virtually reforming and rebuilding the tribe's structures of education and health care. However, she found her main challenge was instead to prove her competency among those who initially refused to be led by a woman.

"The big issue of my campaign for chief was my being female, which was a big shock to me," she said. "Men told me, 'If we elected you, we'd be the laughingstock of

the tribes.'"

After consulting with a friend on how to respond to such criticism, Mankiller was given what was among the best advice she'd received.

"She told me not to ever argue with a fool because someone will walk by and not be able to know who is the fool, or, as we say it in Oklahoma, don't get into a pissing contest with a skunk."

The advice proved effective throughout the campaign and Mankiller's two terms as chief.

"After awhile, they didn't see me as the first female chief. They just saw me as chief."

Angel tree benefits kids

By RILEY HUSKEY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Imagine white fluffy snow, homes decked out with bright colored lights and decorated Christmas trees with no presents beneath them.

Nearly 130 Maryville residents are in need this holiday season, and Northwest students and organizations can help by adopting an "angel."

The seventh annual Angel Tree, sponsored by the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council, is currently set up on the second floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union.

The tree is covered with white angels that bear the age and desired gifts of the folks in need this holiday season. From school clothes to coats and gloves, most of the gifts needed are more necessities than desires.

"To see students give really, really warm my heart," said Brian VanOsdale, director of Campus Activities and Greek Life. "They know that they're giving others Christmas—it's just so powerful."

Eighty percent of the people on the Angel Tree this year are kids and

20 percent are senior citizens. Students and faculty members alike can still go to the second floor of the Union and pull an angel off the tree from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., but the event ends Friday. The limit is set at \$50 this year, and those who cannot afford gifts by themselves can go with a group or organization.

"It seems like people are more and more willing to help out each year, which is good, because the number of names in the community that need help grows each year as well," said Jennifer Bruner, Panhellenic Council president. "I love seeing how Northwest faculty and students help out each year, because it kind of makes for a happier holiday."

VanOsdale claimed that the total amount of money spent on these gifts each year easily surpasses \$10,000.

"It's great that students know these gifts mean a whole lot more than some outfit or going to a party," VanOsdale said. "They bring happiness and holiday cheer to each individual and family in need."

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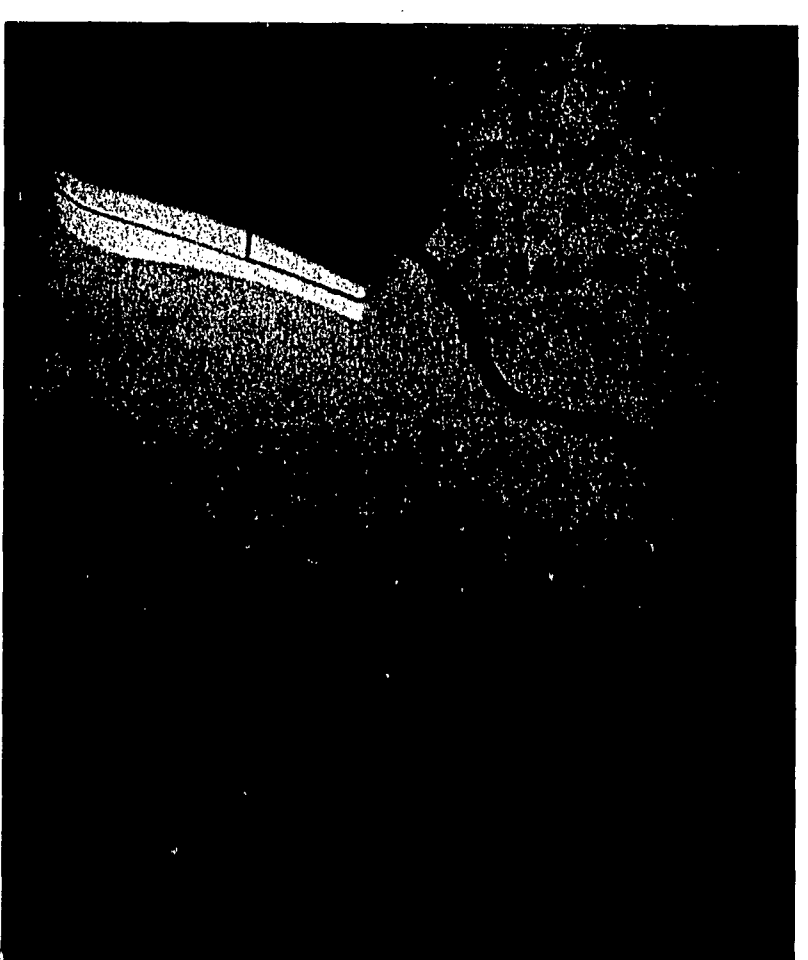
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Questions for...

Ron Moss

CITY MAYOR



Q What are your specific duties?

A There are two areas that I feel that the mayor covers. I call it the legal areas and the ceremonial areas. A lot of the ceremonial things that you appear at are some of the clubs maybe, to read proclamations, making this a certain week or a certain day or sometimes I go to the schools to explain what the mayor does, some things like that. There are some legal things that the mayor has. For instance, I have to sign all of the ordinances that the City Council passes to make them legal. I am the legal representative of the city. That is, if there are some actions taken against the city, then they'll let me know, or my name might be on it. For instance, if the city were going to be sued for something, they'd actually sue the mayor or some of those technically. I sign the pay checks, so those are some of the legal things.

Q How long have you been the mayor of Maryville?

A This is my second year. The mayor is elected from five of the City Council members... I don't run for mayor, I run as a City Council person, and then, from us, we select the mayor.

Q What is your political party affiliation?

A My party affiliation is one that I like to vote for the best person, no matter what the party is, but I'd probably vote Republican more times than Democrat.

Q What changes do you think can be made for students to have entertainment other than the local bars?

A I would like to see some way that we could get some credible input to the city as to what type of activities or what type of retail that the students would support.

Q How do you view the relationship between students and Maryville Public Safety?

A I think sometimes we have a misunderstanding... We have students that come from a variety of different towns. In those towns they probably have laws or ordinances that are different from Maryville... And maybe they get "busted," if you want to use that word, on alcohol-related or driving-related (offense), and then they're really upset because the city is really coming down hard on the students.

-Compiled by Janea Philip, Missouriian Reporter

Local looks for cure

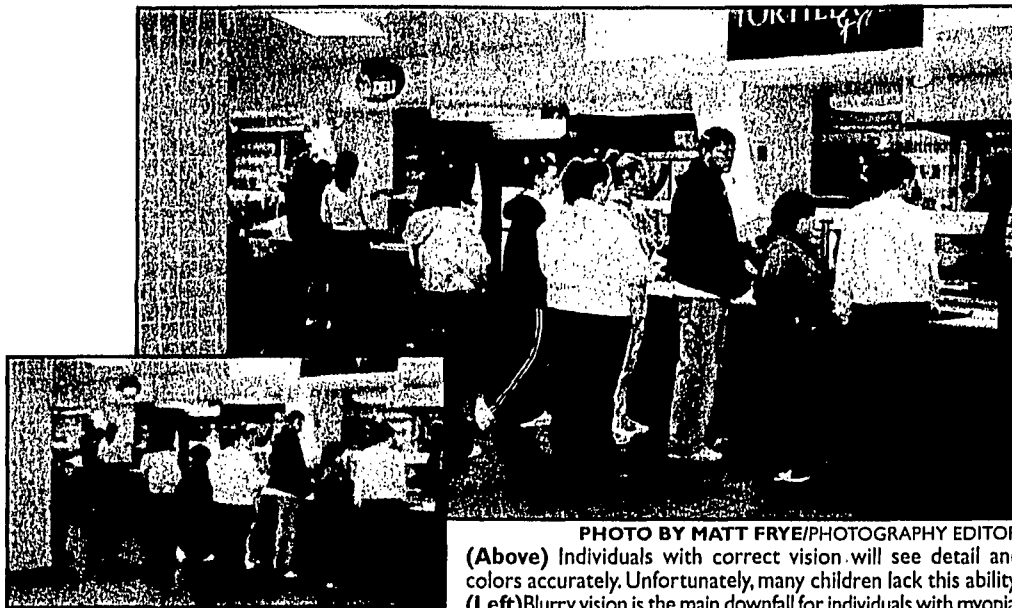


PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
(Above) Individuals with correct vision will see detail and colors accurately. Unfortunately, many children lack this ability. (Left) Blurry vision is the main downfall for individuals with myopia.

A new gel is being tested by one local optometrist to slow symptoms of myopia

As a boy, one Maryville optometrist grew up watching his dad work with patients to correct their vision.

Today, Ryan Powell works alongside his dad, Jeffery Powell, every Thursday at Powell Optometry and Optical Shop. The rest of the week, Ryan works in Kansas City at the office of Gerhard W. Cibis.

By working in Kansas City, Powell has the opportunity to be involved with research being done to improve children's eye health. The main component being researched is a new gel, pirenzepine that shows to have some effect on slowing myopia, the cause of nearsightedness in children.

"Increasing amounts of nearsightedness in children and adolescents due to lots of up-close work is becoming more and more common," Powell said. "We are looking for ways to slow this progression."

According to Powell's article in the Missouri Optometric Association's newsletter "Visions," individuals who are nearsighted have triple the risk of developing glaucoma and have a significantly greater risk for retinal detachment.

Currently, the pirenzepine gel is being tested on children between the ages of 8 and 12 to see if it slows myopia that causes nearsightedness.

So far, clinical tests have indicated that pirenzepine gel used twice daily significantly slows the progression of myopia by approximately 50 percent.

"The clinic I am involved in, we are a part of that study with the ointment," Powell said. "Since I am involved in the clinic, it's neat to be involved in the research at some level."

Powell also said it is neat that there is ongoing research being done to find better solutions for patients.

Why Powell decided to be an optometrist.

Ryan Powell said two main reasons why he decided to be an optometrist were that he liked science and he wanted to be in the medical profession. But Ryan said it was what he saw as a boy that had the most impact on his future career.

"I saw that my dad enjoyed working with patients," Ryan said. "This profession allows you to have time with your patients to talk about their needs."

Ryan's dad, Jeffery Powell, said seeing Ryan succeed in all of his accomplishments as he studied to receive his optometrist degree and now has made him very proud.

"It's a honor to have a son follow in my footsteps," Jeffrey said.

Today, because Ryan works with his dad on Thursdays, Powell Optometry and Optical Shop can offer more services to patients.

Bands to bring money for pets

By JANELLE DAVID, MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Northwest's Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity welcomes the campus and community to unite for the security of lost or homeless animals.

The TKE fraternity will host the New Nodaway Humane Society Benefit Concert at 7:30 p.m. tonight at The Pub. Patrons 19 and over may enter for a \$3 cover charge which will go directly to the Humane Society.

The concert will feature three regionally prominent bands, Lovetap, Mile29 and John Henry with special guest Larry Hagedorn.

"Each band delivers a lot of energy to the stage," said Justin McAleer, TKE philanthropy chair. "It's a chance to see great talent who will be performing free of charge because they love playing for an audience."

Lovetap hails from Omaha, Neb., and performs pop rock music. Mile29, a local band of Northwest students originally from Kansas City, and John Henry with special guest Larry Hagedorn, both from Omaha, Neb., will perform acoustic-based guitar music.

"We like to focus our attention on the needs of the community," McAleer said. "We generally choose to sponsor organizations that presently need donations to adequately do business."

The fraternity hopes to collect a substantial donation for the Humane Society. McAleer said the fraternity intends to attract 300 people and raise around \$1,000.

Patti Riley, shelter supervisor, said the proceeds will go specifically toward assisting the New Nodaway Humane Society Animal Shelter with daily operations and the completion of renovations.

"The donation will basically help take care and give support to our animals within the shelter, such as providing food and medical supplies," Riley said. "A portion of the funds will also help to complete our new facility."

The Humane Society expects to be relocated by early next year, but they currently lack \$250,000 in funds to complete the new facility.

Despite their current financial situation, the Humane Society is grateful for the support they've received over the years.

"I'd like to thank everyone on campus that has given us a helping hand," said Riley. "Just \$20 can go a long way to take care of an animal because a little bit helps a lot."

For more information on donating contact The New Nodaway Humane Society Bldg. Fund at 562-3333.

Community events

■ Toys for Tots will run now through Dec. 5. Toy donations can be dropped off at Watkins, Wal-Mart, Dollar General, Hardee's, Rod's Hallmark and Citizen's Bank and Trust.

Thurs. 20 ■ Focus on Kids Program for Divorcing Parents, Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room, 4 p.m. or 7 p.m.
■ Great American Smoke-out Day

Fri. 21 ■ High School State cheer competition

Sat. 22 ■ Thanksgiving Story Hour, Maryville Public Library, 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m.
■ Mass Honoring Military, St. Gregory's Church, 6 p.m.
■ Children and Family Center training session, 202 S. Main, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
■ Assassination of JFK Anniversary

Sun. 23 ■ Thanksgiving Communion Service, First Baptist Church, 6:30 p.m.
■ Alternative Christmas Fair, First Christian Church, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30

Mon. 24 ■ Last day to register for Drop, Shop and Wrap held Nov. 28 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., call 562-2923 for more information.

Tues. 25 ■ TOPS, First Christian Church, 5:30 p.m.

Wed. 26 ■ Early Dismissal, Maryville Schools
■ Community Thanksgiving Service, First Baptist Church, 7 p.m.

If you would like to have your event published, please call 562-1224 or e-mail ssuckow@missourianonline.com

Pneumonia shot is unfamiliar but important

By STEPHANIE STANGL, MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Move over, flu shot; another vaccination has pushed its way in to share the spotlight of importance.

Many local residents are very aware of the flu shot and have taken advantage of it but have ignored the need for a pneumonia vaccination.

According to Andrew Shea, communication specialist for MissouriPRO, a non-profit organization that works to improve health care throughout the state, Nodaway County is well below the state average for getting this vaccination.

"There is no single reason to account for this," Shea said. "It is possible that people are not even

aware of the pneumonia shot."

He went on to note the importance of citizens and local doctors to be educated on the importance of getting the shot and that doctors should take a further step and advise patients to get it.

"Some federal organizations say that adults need one in their lifetime, but if you are over forty, you need to get one," Shea said. "Ideally, a person should get one every ten years."

Shea recommended that Maryville residents get a pneumonia vaccination next time they go in to get their flu vaccinations.

"The real task is just going to get it," Shea said. "It's very safe, and Medicare, several HMO plans and

most insurance companies will cover the cost of the shot."

According to Billye McCrary, director of quality management at St. Francis, if a person does get pneumonia, many symptoms will signal a need to seek medical attention.

"Symptoms of pneumonia include fever, cough, fatigue, weakness, aches, pains and difficulty breathing," McCrary said. "Pneumonia is easily treated, though the elderly and those with a chronic illness tend to do worse."

According to Shea, these symptoms can be avoided by getting the shot that is recommended for all.

For more information on receiving the shot, contact St. Francis at 562-2600.

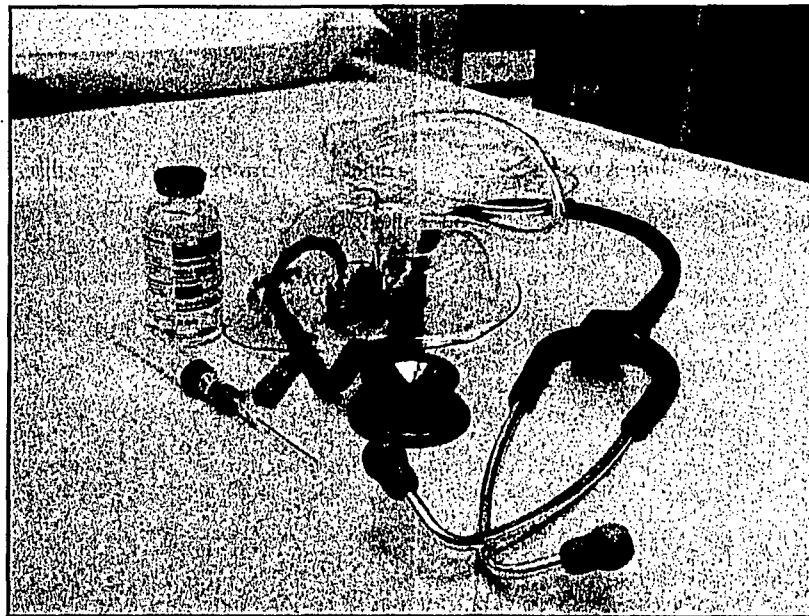


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The tools are ready for St. Francis physicians to provide the community with pneumonia shots. Although the flu shot has been advertised more frequently, local doctors are trying to stress the importance of the pneumonia shot.

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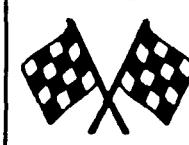
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Our View

Choose battles wisely

Amnesty International's cause was just, but their actions after vandalism to their wall ruined their message

While awareness is always a noble cause, irresponsible activism has the effect of canceling out any original good intentions that may have existed.

This has been the case with Amnesty International's ill-fated attempt to increase awareness about a wall being built on Israel's West Bank to effectively quarantine Palestine.

We here at *The Northwest Missourian* in no way discourage open discussion of issues affecting the world today, but the manner in which Amnesty International has responded to the "vandalism" of the representation of the wall is immature at best and counteractive at worst.

It is unfortunate that the giant trash bag being called a wall was ripped more than it was originally, but to call that act a "suppression of free speech" is ludicrous. No one attempted to stop Amnesty from speaking or demonstrating. More than likely, a few students simply got fed up with having to walk around the monstrosity and decided to create a path for themselves.

It's understandable that Amnesty members would be disappointed by such an action, but to turn this into some sort of assault on the First Amendment really is a gross distortion of the truth, much like Amnesty's numerous propagandizing handouts and table tents.

For Amnesty to successfully raise awareness on this campus, the group needs to do several things:

■ Respect the students enough to show them both sides of an issue. This is supposed to be a marketplace of ideas, not one idea. And as much as the group rails about conspiracies and hidden truths, Amnesty does a fair amount of distorting facts and presenting one-sided information on its own. The average student on campus probably has no knowledge of this issue, but by looking at one of Amnesty's table tents or fliers or by speaking with one of their members, he or she will only get one side of the story. Anyone familiar with the entire story would surely acknowledge that both the Israelis and Palestinians have done some pretty horrendous things, but a person who has only interacted with Amnesty would think that the Palestinians are completely innocent in the matter.

■ If ever you face a setback like the one that occurred this week, don't let your emotions overshadow the issue for which you originally championed. When Amnesty posted signs in the Student Union and around the wall stating the "replica of the Apartheid wall was destroyed by vandals last night" and that your free speech has been "suppressed," you have completely counteracted any original effect that you may have had on passing students. Now, the talk of campus has become the absurdity of the actions of Amnesty International instead of the effects of this actual wall.

■ Create events that actually provide an outlet if someone wants to do something. Putting up a giant trash bag and posting propaganda around campus does nothing to help people who are affected by the Apartheid wall. Tell students where they can write to voice their opinions to the people who actually have a say in decisions to enact things like this. Hold more fund-raisers to raise money for aid and relief like the concert that was held a few weeks ago. Granted, the Amnesty table tent did have a blurb about buying a button, but the emphasis of the event seemed to be on forcing people to take Amnesty's stance on the issue. Even if the group was selling buttons at the wall, the in-your-face approach used probably deterred many a student from approaching Amnesty's members for more information.

All in all, we at *The Missourian* believe your intentions probably were noble, but your actions were undeniably otherwise. In the future, we can only hope that you will take a more effective approach as to how you disseminate information and react to obstacles in your path.

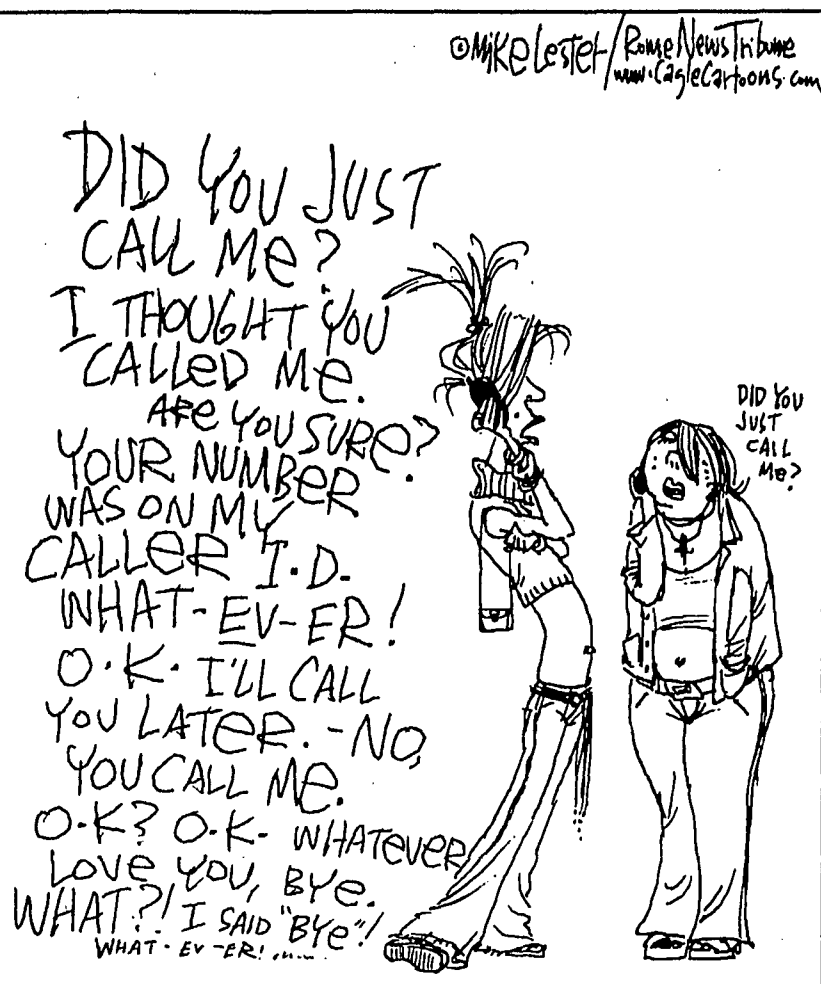


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"For all you students who didn't come to the Pitt State game because you just figured we were gonna lose, I hope your parents don't come to your wedding because they just figure you're gonna get divorced."

"I heard about the drunken bus we're gonna have next semester, and I think *The Missourian* should have a contest on what to name it because there'll be some very good ideas."

AS ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL SPINS LIKE A TOP IN HIS GRAVE...



Newest breach in freedoms is barely known

In the movie "Minority Report," a pre-crime unit would use psychics to prevent murders, and without actually committing a crime, these would-be "murderers" were charged and convicted. The movie ultimately centered around the ethical debate of charging people who may, but don't actually, break the law, and our society's obligation to use science and technology as it develops to protect its citizens.

As reported by *USA Today*, a bill was passed by the House of Representatives on Nov. 5 that will allow for DNA profiles to be gathered from juvenile offenders and adults who are arrested but not convicted of any crime.

This is wrong on so many levels. First and foremost, this is the latest attack on our continually diminishing privacy as citizens of the United States.

After Sept. 11, 2001, the Bush administration was given carte blanche on passing legislation to aid in efforts to gather information, and that essentially put the FBI in a position where its sole purpose is to spy on U.S. citizens. The increasing power given to law enforcement officials is

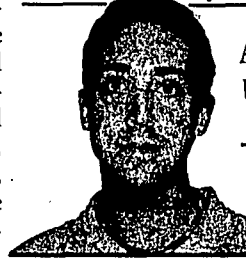
continually defended as in the nation's best interest to defend against terrorism.

But where does it all end?

Before Sept. 11, a bill like this would have created public uproar and been seen as un-American. But now, it's to a point where legislators are afraid to speak out against such legislation for fear of being labeled as "un-American."

Privacy issues aside, another major flaw of this potential law is its complete disregard to a cornerstone of our judicial system: innocent until proven guilty. It would be a completely separate matter if DNA profiling was to be used on convicted felons, namely sex offenders, a practice currently carried out by 30 states.

My View



AARON BAILEY
UNIVERSITY NEWS
EDITOR

As Jesselyn McCurdy, a Washington lobbyist for the American Civil Liberties Union said, this bill "removes the presumption of innocence."

Proponents of this bill, including the Bush administration, say that DNA profiling is the same as the practice of collecting finger prints. That is absolutely asinine. Scientists have just begun to understand the secrets of DNA. It's not just a pattern unique to your finger tips; it's you, it's everything that you are, your "soul" if you believe in that hoopla. And the FBI has no business collecting this from innocent American citizens.

This potential law scares me. Backers are saying it's almost assured to get through the Senate. Perhaps the scariest aspect of all of this is that it has received little to no press, and consequently, this will pass, and no one will even notice or care; that is, until it affects them.

It won't be overnight that our freedom of privacy is completely stripped from us. It will be done one piece at a time so that we get acclimated to it, until eventually we don't even know where it all went wrong.

Fast-food economics simply aren't fathomable

By SEAN COMER
BUZZ REVIEWER

Welcome to America's fast-food theory of economics! Yes, America, the land where if you can't have it right now, you'd better throw a tantrum until somebody gives it to you.

Sound funny? Don't laugh too hard. This is about how your average economic discussion sounds these days.

A few people may remember that I once mentioned something in a previous column about America's strong belief in entitlement—that all fixes to all problems should be quick and sweeping. Those same few people might also remember me calling such a notion childish and unrealistic, in so many words.

It's not enough that the most recent downturn from which the American economy is now recovering was called the shallowest in recent memory. No, instead we have millionaire rock-stars going on MTV saying the economy is "in the toilet." Now, we also have people fussing about this being either a "job-less" recovery or, as one columnist called it, a "jobs-are-worth-less" recovery.

Would someone please deck some of these people upside the head with an economics text-

book?

Funny how little some people seem to recognize two other often disregarded but often true facts of economic life: one, if any economy is left alone for long enough, it will eventual pull itself back to equilibrium—also known as Adam Smith's theory of "the Invisible Hand"; and two, jobs are a poor indicator of economic health because they tend to be the last thing to recover.

Here's a simple way of looking at it: when a business starts losing money, that means layoffs, right? Of course. Now, once they start making money again, they can start adding more hours or shifts for the people who are still there. Then, once that option has been taken as far as it can go, it can afford to start hiring new people. See? The job recovery is there, at the END of the cycle. Just simple common sense.

As for the "jobs-are-worth-less" part, that's where the little rant about entitlement comes in. Nothing can be allowed to progress in its natural way to someone who believes wholeheartedly that the government and big business owe them something; no, it must be provided faster and bigger.

Sorry, it doesn't work that way. Coming out of a downturn doesn't mean snapping right back into place. It's not a dislocated soldier; think of it more as a broken bone. An economy has to recover and grow again naturally. Again, consider the theory of the invisible hand: firms within a market, given enough time, move in cycles toward and from equilibrium. With a minimal amount of interference or regulation, the economy will again reach pleasant heights. Economists, including Walter Williams, have noted that the recovery has already begun. Even the job market has slowly improved.

But to America, it just hasn't happened fast enough.

Dry spells can happen anytime to anybody. Even who's in office doesn't necessarily make a whole lot of difference; after all, the economy was pretty bad when Jimmy Carter, a Democrat, was in the Oval Office, and this downturn actually began at the end of the Clinton years while he was still in office. The economy will improve, but laying blame where it shouldn't reasonably be placed—on a president who really has precious little control over it—and looking at poor indicators of its health isn't going to solve a single thing.

YOUR VIEW

If the proposed activities fee passes, what entertainment would you like to see come to campus?



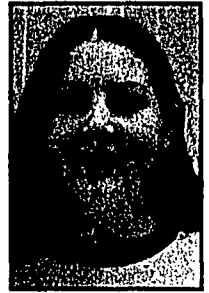
"I would like to see a better mix of concerts come to campus, like rock and country. Also, maybe some more seminars about business and things of that nature."

Grant Venable
Public Relations



"I would like to have a comedian because I like to laugh."

Mark Holthaus
Advertising



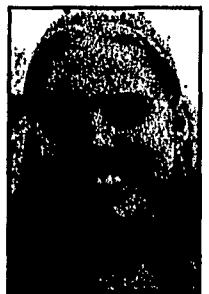
"Tim McGraw. I saw him at the George Strait music festival at Arrowhead, and I want to see him again."

Jennifer Cameron
Middle School Math/Business Education



"I would like to see more well-known, bigger acts come to campus. The location of the University is not accessible to attract bigger acts, and it would be great to have something like that come to campus."

Nick Watson
Broadcasting



"Limp Bizkit because they're sweet."

Leslie Norman
Elementary Education



"A comedian would be cool for something besides music."

Erin Kronberg
Public Relations

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WAS WAR OKAY?

Northwest professors argue the points on whether or not war was reasonable in Middle East

By AARON BAILEY
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

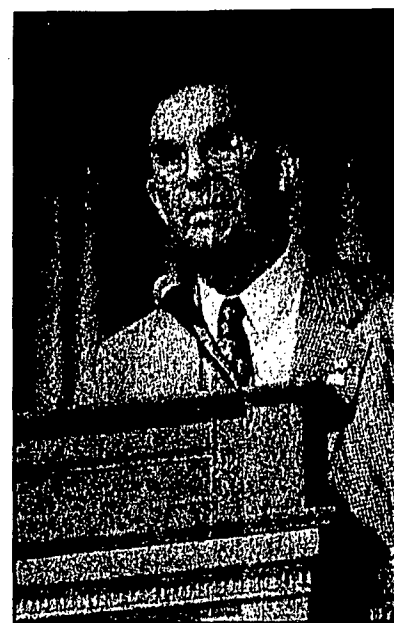
To alleviate Northwest students' conceptual fear of ridicule and the stigma surrounding the voicing of opinions on the ongoing conflict in Iraq, Phi Sigma Tau sponsored a debate Monday night in the Charles Johnson Theater.

The debate, which was open to the public, featured a panel of four Northwest faculty members and concluded with a question and answer session.

Topics varied from arguing what makes a war just and whether the Bush administration misled the public when making the case for war to the public's changing perception on the situation and views on how the war has gone wrong.

"Hopefully, people are more informed so they can hold intelligent discussions and feel free to express their opinion without fear of being shunned for that opinion," said Tyler Tritten, president of Phi Sigma Tau.

Point: Assistant professor of marketing and management



"Efforts to avoid war failed. In fact, (the efforts) reached over an 12-year period. Therefore, we must conclude the war in Iraq is just."

Russ Northup

Point: Professor of history, humanities, philosophy and political science

"Weapons of mass destruction are in many countries. The question is, is it in our national interest? If so, we must attack North Korea, which is a wacko country with a wacko leader. It may be the most dangerous country in the world. But I don't think they have oil, do they?"

Mark Jelavich



Point: Professor of accounting, economics, finance



"Although the current events are depressing, it doesn't mean this isn't a just war. Saddam Hussein's regime was modern tyranny at its worst."

Richard Fulton

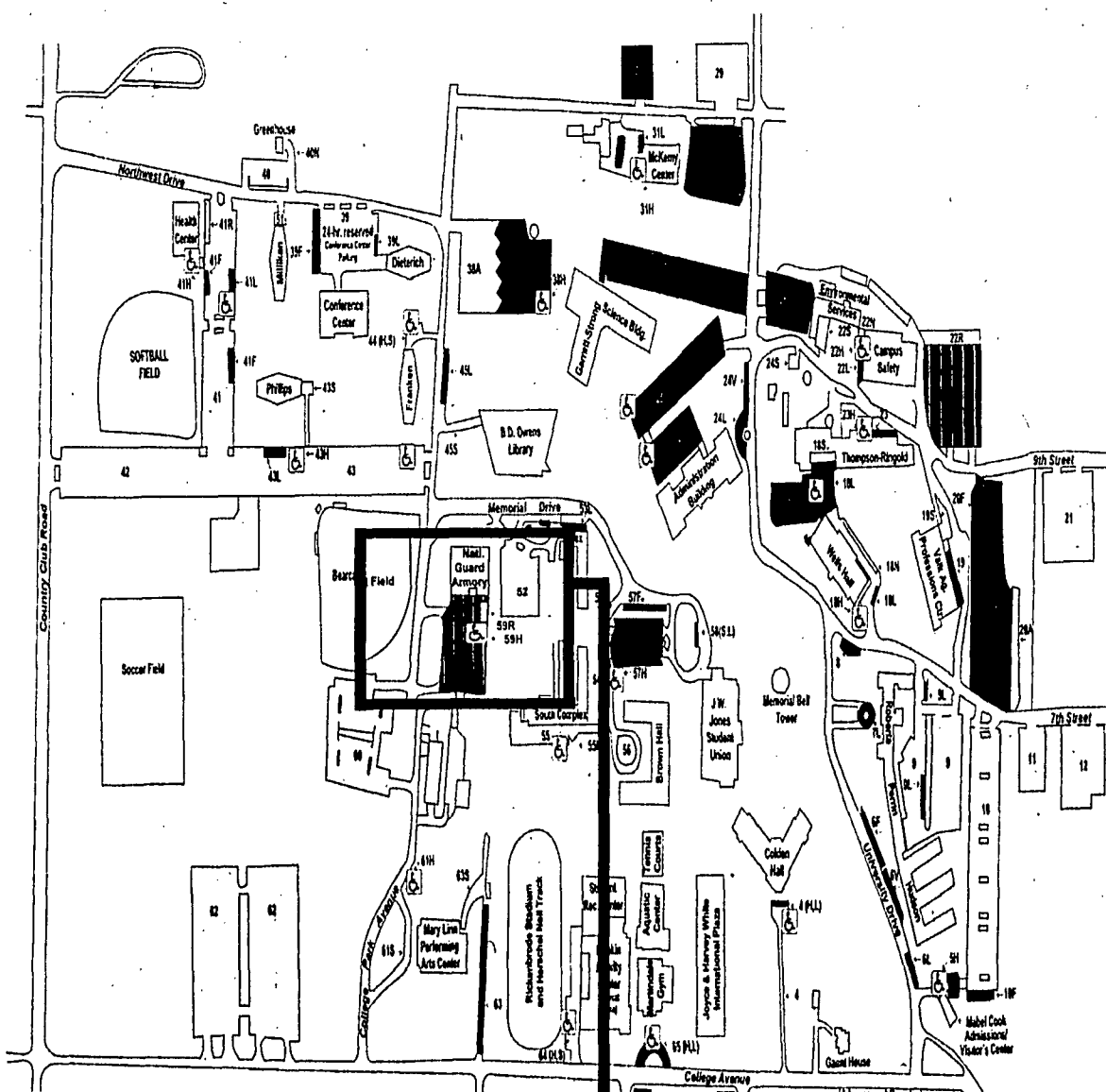
Point: Assistant professor of history, humanities, philosophy and political science

"One could make the case (that the war in Iraq was started) for humanitarian reasons. But that wasn't the reason the administration gave. It only became predominant when it became obvious there were no weapons of mass destruction found."

Thomas Spencer

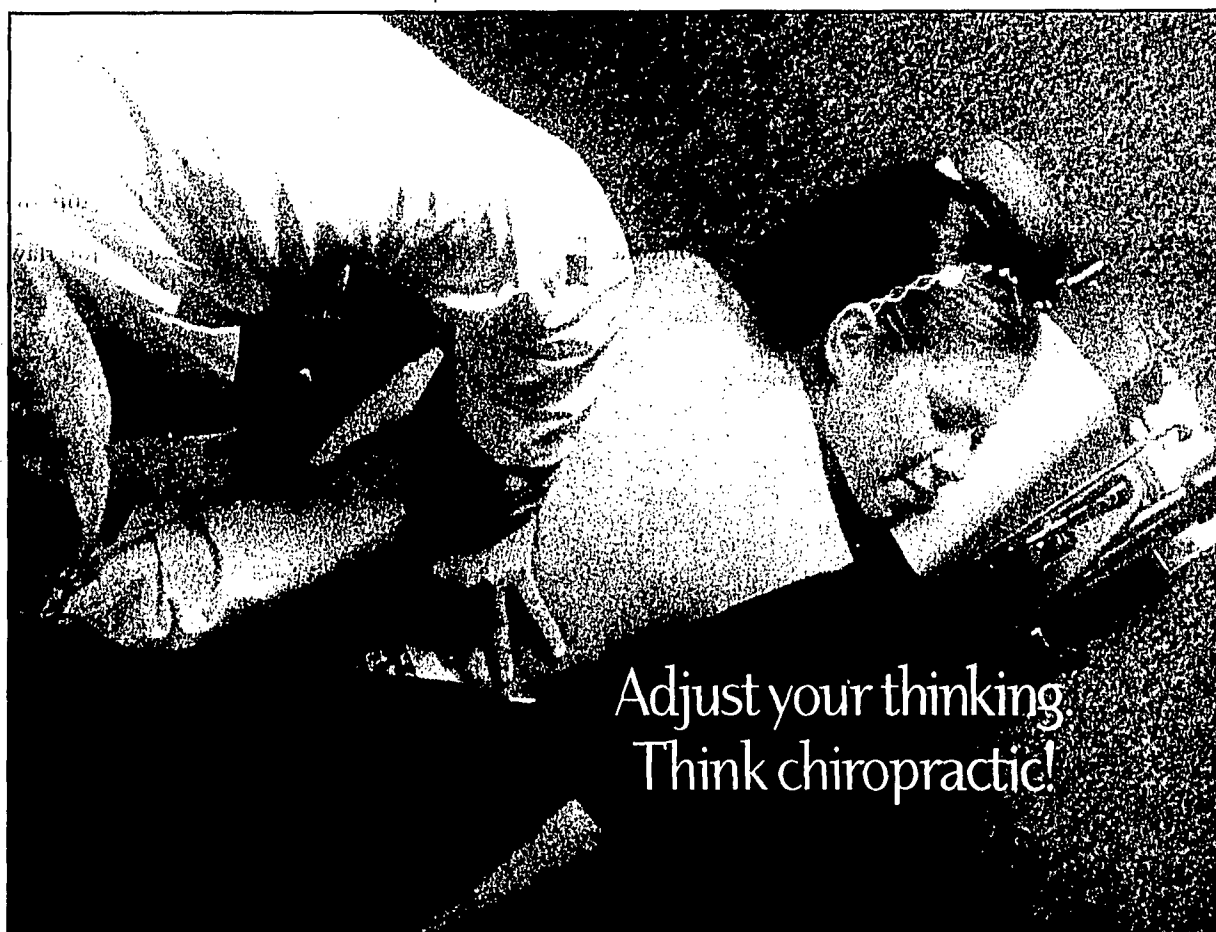


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Spotlight still pushing for big names

a new recreation center, and that's how that came about," Courter said. "That was the only way we could get that."

A designated fee from students went towards paying the bonds for the Recreation Center.

"(Student-led fees) happened before, and it is an example of what can happen," Courter said. "The activity fee has some great opportunity in the future for entertainment and for student activities."

Ironically, it was one of Courter's colleagues, Tom Vansaghi, vice president of University Relations, who was the president of Student Senate at that time.

"Administration approached us, and they sold it to us, and we sold it to the student body," Vansaghi said. "I can see a lot of parallels."

Coming from St. Louis, Vansaghi spent a lot of his weekends in Maryville, and can relate to students that stay in

town looking for entertainment.

"I really appreciated anytime Northwest could bring in comedians or artists," he said. "And with the way budget cuts have been taking their toll, if students could get a student activity fee, that would be a tremendous lift."

Overall, Whitacre said a big-name concert would be in the neighborhood of \$100,000. However, Whitacre said the advantages of having big shows would be priceless.

"I think it would be good advertising for people that don't go to school here, and they would say, 'Wow, they do a lot for their campus,'" he said. "It works well for schools. (Former Spotlight President) David Whitacre was talking about advertising on stations in Kansas City and Omaha and selling a certain amount of tickets there for more money."

Gubernatorial greetings



PHOTO BY NIKI CARDER/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
President Dean Hubbard and Gov. Bob Holden speak with individuals following Holden's speech regarding higher education Nov. 13. Log on to missourianonline.com for the story.

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Academy seeks Senate representative

years because of the lack of campus involvement. (The voting representation) will make them feel part of the Northwest family. It would give them a voice."

Thomas said Academy students are involved on campus, but he said they could be more so.

"The Academy students are becoming more involved, even without the vote," he said. "They're in-

involved with other organizations, and now, they're part of the government...There are a lot of stereotypes about Academy students, and this would lay those to rest."

Overall, Eckstein said there are goals she would like to see reached. "Some of the long-term goals is having Academy students interact more with the University," she said.

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Amnesty wall comes down, tension rises

Matt Johnson on Wednesday afternoon after the group filed an incident report.

"I thought it was a good meeting," Porterfield said. "The University is certainly going to support an open discussion of ideas. We certainly don't condone vandalism or the silencing of free speech."

But Porterfield said that the Amnesty members were very quick to find a bright spot in the situation.

"We talked about how to turn an unfortunate situation into a positive," Porterfield said. "I appreciate the groups willingness to look forward."

The wall has since been fixed and marked off by crime scene tape by Amnesty.

The wall was built to raise awareness of the separation wall currently being built along the West Bank in an effort to divide the quarreling ethnic groups.

Supporters of the wall's construction, including the United States, cite breakdowns in diplomacy and view it as a last ditch effort to end the violence.

Groups such as Amnesty that oppose the wall's construction say it only spurs more violence and that Israel is impeding on Palestinian land by not using the "Green Line," which was established in 1967 as a border between Palestinian and Israeli settlements.

"How does keeping people from

their families and jobs fight terrorism?" Amnesty member Joshua Isom asked. "If a terrorist really wants to get through (the wall), they will."

Similar events have been planned by the Stop The Wall campaign in 14 other U.S. cities including New York City, Los Angeles and San Francisco; Maryville is by far the smallest site of all the demonstrations.

"We feel like the big cities get a lot of attention, and Maryville may just be a speck on the map, but there a lot of minds here that just need to be made aware," Carr said. "If they take an interest in the government and take an interest in the world, it could be more effective in a small town than a big city."

Originally, as part of the wall project, the group was going to tear it down in a symbolic gesture during the peace vigil at 5 p.m. tonight. But with the recent act of vandalism, Amnesty has altered their plans.

"We just want people to come out and say, 'Yes, I may not agree with you, but I support your freedom of opinion,'" Carr said. "I'm pleased with how supportive everyone has been; however, I get frustrated with the apathy on campus."

Anyone with information relating to the incident Tuesday can contact Campus Safety at 562-1254.

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SOS walk raises awareness, prevention

Foundation was developed by Gene and Peggy to help create a larger amount of public awareness toward released felons. Currently, the Schmidts have worked together to write and change six Kansas laws concerning sexual predators. Gene was recently appointed as the Victims' Rights Coordinator for the state of Kansas.

Candles lit the way for supporters of

the silent S.O.S. Walk down University Drive and Fourth Street. Karen Hawkins memorial pavilion was the final destination of the S.O.S. Walk, and Gene asked the participants to do him a favor after they left.

"When you get home tonight, call your parents and tell them you love them," he said.

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Federal No Child Left Behind law may cause more harm than help to schools

in reading and math by 2014. It operates on four pillars that include accountability for results, an emphasis on doing what works based on scientific research, expanded parental options, and expanded local control and flexibility. School districts are evaluated by annual tests designed to measure children's progress. Under the basic premise of the law, each individual state is left to determine its own standard for proficiency. If a school district is considered failing by the state-set guidelines, it is then subject to remediation from the state which, in a worst-case scenario, Reese said, may result in a state-run school.

While local educators do not contest state control over standards, the disparity over what proficiency actually is has provoked confusion and frustration among educators. Missouri currently has a set proficiency rate of 80 percent on the Missouri Assessment Program tests, or a total of four out of every five questions correct. Other states operate on proficiency levels as low as 33 percent.

In what educators consider to be among the law's most dangerous provisions, however, is that, upon evaluating a district based on test scores, no special consideration is

taken for the special-needs students who make up a considerable number of a school's population. Rebecca Belcher, director of Horace Mann Laboratory School and assistant professor of Education at Northwest, said this factor serves as a cause for concern.

"I'm uncomfortable with the requirement that states all children must be tested at their chronological age, meaning that if they're in a fourth-grade class, but in special education and learning at a first-grade level, they still must be tested in a fourth-grade curriculum," she said. "It's unfair to the child, and I don't think we can get a clear, accurate picture of what that child can do."

Belcher said that, while Horace Mann is technically considered a private school and does not fall under all guidelines set by No Child Left Behind, the school has adjusted its curriculum for purposes of preparing its pre-service teachers to serve in public schools. The law's assessment of teachers based solely on performances on standardized tests, she said, may set a dangerous precedent for current and future educators.

"I have been in states where whether you were hired, retained or

fired rested solely on how your students performed on standardized tests," she said. "What happens frequently is that teachers teach the test, and students are not getting a balanced education."

The new standards have already raised questions within the Maryville R-II school district. Upon evaluation of last year's assessment results, the district's elementary, middle and high schools each scored above proficient in the areas of communication arts and math, but, as a district, is failing according to the law's standards. Reese said this is because of a provision in the law which states that, in order for subgroups of students with special needs to be taken into special consideration for the tests, students must be less than 30 in number. Each school contained less than 30 special-needs students, but combined, the district totaled more than 30. Reese reasoned these statistics as the result of educational policymakers with no background or insight into the educational process.

"It's easier for politicians to put everything into a nice, neat little box and expect us to deal with all students in the same way, but it just doesn't happen that way," he said.

"They just don't all fit into that little box. It doesn't mean they can't learn; they just need different time frames and formats."

Within the classroom, Marj Hansen, third-grade teacher at Eugene Field Elementary, said despite her shared concerns with administrators, she also agrees that teachers should be responsible for their students. But as the pressures associated with politics of teaching have changed, she said, so have methods in implementing them.

"As this law says, I feel like we do need to be accountable, but yet I feel like we were still accountable before," she said. "I feel it's something that's been very important to us for some time."

For Hansen, taking top priority in her concerns is that of the well being of each student. She said that, in the long run, No Child Left Behind may indeed result in an improvement in the areas of reading and mathematics. But she fears that something far more important may be swept away in its wake.

"The days of a teacher being a loving, nurturing person in the early days of a child's life are important, but it's just not their role anymore," she said. "There's just too much more to go along with it."

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The heat is up: prices to increase

is a normal adjustment of fees that occurs twice a year. This process begins when Aquila files a request with the Missouri Public Service Commission. They try to convince the commission that a change in fees is necessary in order to cover increased supply costs. The request was permitted by the commission through March 2004, when it will again be analyzed.

Until that time Aquila customers will have to find ways to deal with the current fee. Minter said the real concern regarding the increase would come if there were a very cold winter. If there is more usage, it's going to cost more, which could become a problem for low-income customers having to pay for the extra usage along with the increase.

This concern regarding high heating prices stems beyond Maryville into political agendas of those in Washington.

According to *USA Today*, an energy bill is on the verge of being passed which would allow \$23 billion to be spent on tax breaks for gas, oil and coal industries. With this bill, supporters believe gas prices would be stabilized and alternate energy sources explored to avoid using excess amounts of

gas. Until the possible benefits of this bill go into effect, other forms of heat may be the answer to the higher costs.

Sutherlands is providing customers with various ways to heat their homes to avoid the high costs. According to store manager Gerald Westpheling, a wide range of heating products are available. Propane and natural gas space heaters are currently the "hot items." These heaters vary in price from \$20 to \$500.

They also vary in the amount of space they can heat. Portable versions are able to heat up to 800 square feet while fireplace design versions can heat up to 1,000 square feet.

"We've sold a lot of heaters," Westpheling said. "It may be just because of the cold temperatures, but I have heard a few complaints about the prices."

Various stoves are also available for installation. Pellet stoves that use compressed sawdust for heat run for \$995. Corn stoves, which burn corn for heat and wood stoves start at \$1,381. According to Westpheling, these stoves can be constructed by installing a three-inch stove pipe.



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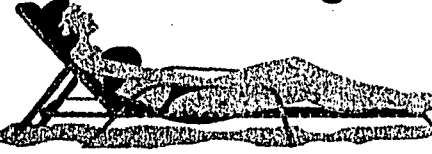
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Extraordinary medicine

Betsy Lee
FEATURES EDITOR



After six root canals, a number of doctors' visits and heavy doses of painkillers, Leslie Ackman's persistent jaw pain has exhausted the means of traditional medicine. In a last ditch effort, she called Kristina Hargin at River Song Massage.

"Massage was kind of like a miracle for me because I couldn't function with that kind of pain," she said.

After one massage, Ackman said her pain was greatly relieved, and after five weekly treatments, she was pain-free.

"People put so much faith in their doctors, and that's a huge mistake," Ackman said. "They don't know everything."

Americans spent more than \$27 billion out of pocket for alternative therapies in 1997 according to a study published by "The Journal of the American Medical Association" in 1998.

According to a 2001 survey conducted by "The Annals of Internal Medicine," 81 percent of respondents said they had "total" or "a lot of" confidence in their alternative health care provider. Seventy-seven percent had the same level of confidence in their traditional health care provider.

Still, Ackman said most people she knows do not accept treatments like massage or acupuncture as a viable health care option. She sometimes gets a stunned reaction when she recommends massage to friends.

"They look at me like I'm crazy," Ackman said. "I don't know why people are so hesitant to try something new."

John Baldwin, a physical therapist with Maryville Physical Therapy, said, while alternative health care is beneficial, he doesn't recommend it as a sole form of treatment.

"If they are continually going to a massage therapist and they are providing temporary relief, then that's a good thing, but ultimately, if I were a patient, I'd want to know what was causing the pain."

Though controversy over the legitimacy of alternative health care continues, word of mouth is taking many treatments mainstream. Individuals like Ackman recommend treatments to friends, educating them about the unfamiliar experience.

MASSAGE

According to the American Massage Therapy Association, a total of 18 percent of Americans had a massage in the last 12 months. Many are turning to massage to find relief from pain due to injuries or chronic illness.

"It's supposed to be relaxing," Hargin said. "It improves circulation in the blood stream and the lymph nodes."

Hargin said massage cleanses the body of all types of toxins. She also said massage taps into an energy field, which can interfere with a cycle of pain.

According to the American Massage Therapy Association, arthritis, asthma, carpal tunnel syndrome, acute pain, circulatory problems, headache and gastrointestinal disorders can be treated by massage therapy.

According to Hargin, one of the assets of massage therapy is the natural healing qualities.

Sometimes, like a physician, we work on the same thing over and over but we're maintaining it without medication or drugs," Hargin said.

Hargin employs two main types of massage: Swedish massage and acupuncture.

"If you are well-rounded with a good education, you are everything," Hargin said.

Becoming a licensed massage therapist requires at least 500 hours of hands-on treatment, depending on the state. Then a therapist must take state and/or national

board exams. After that, therapists must take continuing education classes every three years.

ACUPUNCTURE

Acupuncture originated in China more than 2,000 years ago. The theory behind the procedure is that life forces run through 12 meridians in the body. Each pathway or meridian is connected to a specific organ. The acupuncture points target the problem organ or area, increasing blood flow to the area and thus promoting healing.

"Simply, acupuncture changes the energy flow in the body," Orin Du Chien said.

Du Chien provides acupuncture and chiropractic services in Pickering. The needles used in acupuncture are six times thinner than needles used to give shots. Though acupuncture typically involves needles, Du Chien said alternatives are just as effective. He employs acupressure, electrical impulses and laser to achieve similar results.

According to Du Chien, acupuncture is good for people with a lot of different ailments. He said it is often utilized to treat things

that doctors have given up on.

Du Chien, who was in the medical field for 17 years, said acupuncture is becoming much more accepted in the field.

"People are seeing how beneficial it is as it enters the mainstream," he said.

A study by Harvard University published in 1998 estimated that Americans made more than five million visits to acupuncture practitioners.

EAR CANDLING

One of the more unique alternative treatments offered in Maryville is ear candling. Jamie Meyer, who works through Hair Clinique, provides the old home remedy, which cleans out the ear canals and sinuses.

"Things can accumulate in the ear, creating pressure and the inability to hear," Meyer said. "The treatment is good for anyone with sinus or ear pressure."

Meyer places a hollow, concave candle with a tapered end into a client's ear. She then lights the end of the candle and the smoke descends into the ear canal, drawing ear wax and sinus drainage into the candle. While the candle is burning, Meyer massages the face to help flush out the contents.

"As she's rubbing you can actually feel stuff moving out of your sinuses and squishing out of your ear," said Patrick Hall, who received the treatment.

Meyer burns two candles per ear for adults and one per ear for children.

Alternative health care, like ear candling, can help patients who are struggling to find relief in traditional medicine. To contact the professionals mentioned, consult the Maryville telephone book.

What do you think?

Would you use alternative healthcare like acupuncture or massage?



"Possibly. I've thought about it because I do have a disability, and the therapy and medicine I take aren't controlling the pain. So I've thought about acupuncture; I'm just scared of being poked."

-Sharon Reynolds



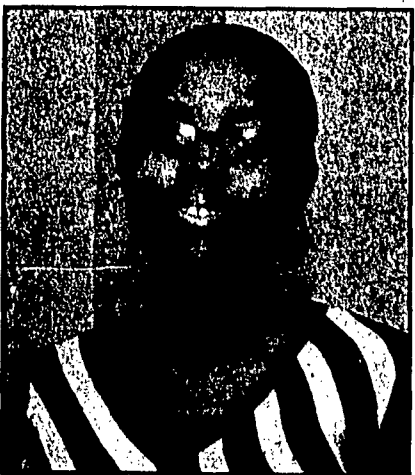
"I would if it was cheap enough because it would be a fun, new experience. I've always wanted to try acupuncture."

-Julie Bennett



"I probably wouldn't. I trust traditional medicine more. It's what I've grown up with."

-Derick Ackerman



"Probably not. I'm used to my regular doctor. Maybe if my doctor recommended it I would try it."

-Jamie Tindall

Fact or Fiction: A Look At Old Wives' Tales

Vitamin C prevents colds

Vitamin C, taken in early stages, acts as a preventive measure

Fact

You'll catch a cold if you go out with wet hair

Viruses cause colds; cold weather does not

Fiction

Chicken soup can ease cold symptoms

The heat and the aroma of chicken soup can ease symptoms

Fact

Eating carrots improves eyesight

Carrots only contain a small amount of lutein, a nutrient that is good for eyes

Fiction

Patrick Hall relaxes as Jamie Meyer performs an ear candling. Meyer performs the one-hour candling procedure at Hair Clinique.

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SAME OL' STORY

Blocked late field goal propels 'Cats over PSU for seventh straight year

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

Clinging to a one-point lead with under a minute to play, junior Tony Glover blocked both Pittsburg State University's field goal and their chance at snapping a six-game losing streak to the Bearcats.

In a game in which Northwest never trailed, 20,364 fans held their collective breath as Pittsburg State kicker Nathan Alleman attempted a 32-yard field goal.

As the ball bounced off Glover's chest, Northwest was able to return home with a 20-19 win.

While many were surprised by the block, head coach Mel Tjeerdsma was not one of them.

"I really expected it," Tjeerdsma said. "When we held them to second

down and third down, I knew if they had to kick a field goal, we had a good chance of winning."

The Bearcats jumped out to an early 10-0 lead after the defense forced the Gorillas to a three and out and then a fumble on the ensuing drive.

Pitt responded though by scoring in the second quarter to close the gap to 10-6.

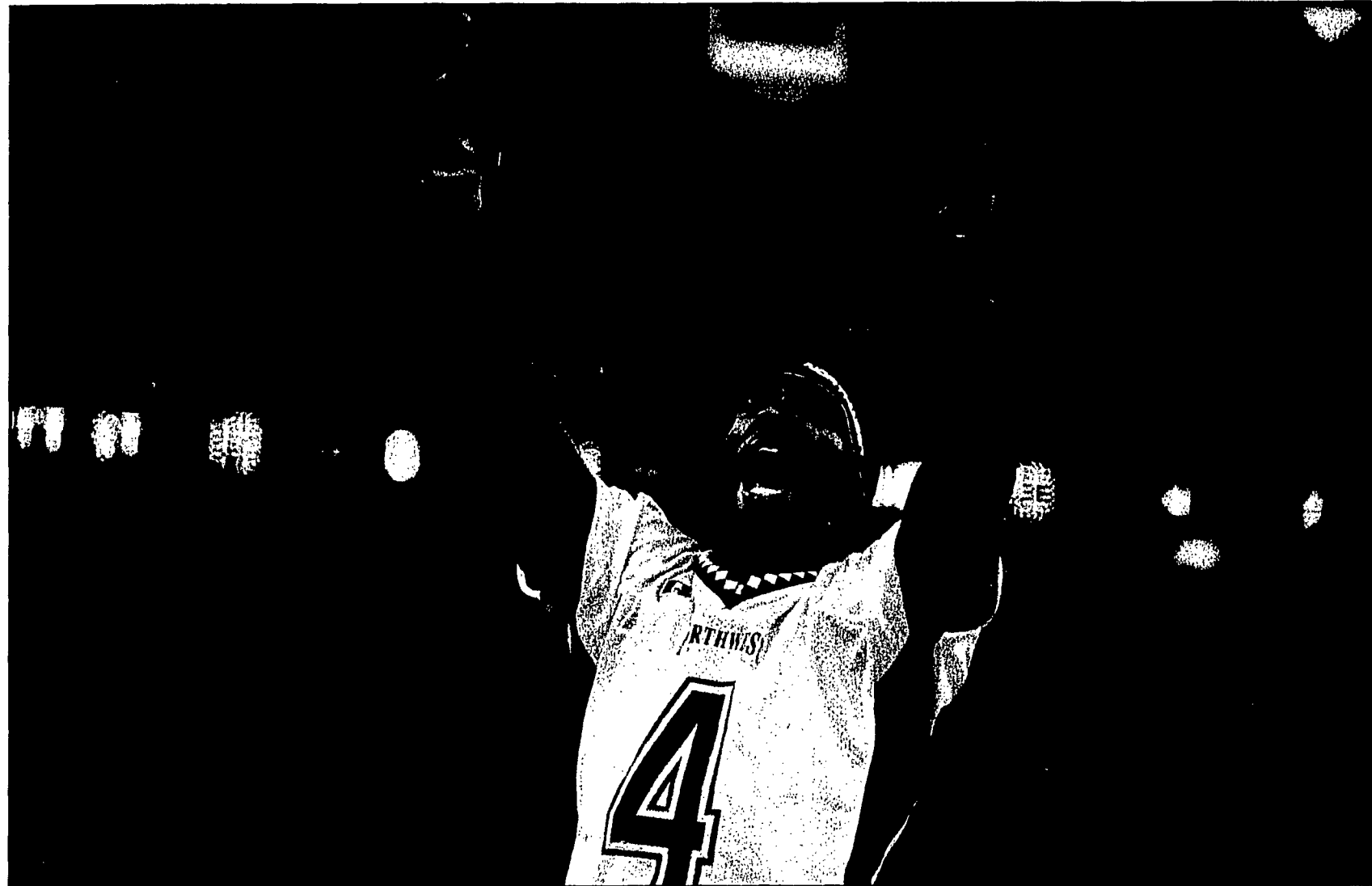
Their conversion attempt would fail after a bad snap to the holder.

This would prove to be one of many missed opportunities for the Gorillas.

Freshman Corey Paetznick would extend the 'Cats lead to seven at halftime with his second field goal of the game.

In the third quarter, Northwest scored their final touchdown of the game in the same manner they have scored many times in the past weeks.

As quarterback sophomore Josh Lamberson was flushed out of the pocket, junior wide receiver Jamaica Rector found himself (Please see "Blocked" page 2B)



Wide receiver Morris White might have not have played because of a broken leg, but that did not keep the junior from celebrating with the crowd immediately after Tony Glover's blocked field goal.

Two 'Cats ensure win for team

QB Lamberson throws for more than 300 yards as Glover breaks through

By CLARK GRELL
DESIGN EDITOR

Pittsburg State probably never saw it coming.

With more than a minute remaining and facing fourth down, the Gorillas made an attempt to defeat the Bearcats. All it was going to take was a 32-yard field goal, and the Gorillas would have their first victory over the Bearcats since 1996.

Darryl Ridley, who had blocked two kicks during the season, was a threat of which the Gorillas had taken notice.

However, Pittsburg State forgot about junior Tony Glover, who made (Please see "Two" page 2B)



Glover blocked late field goal to secure win.

Northwest claims most spots on conference's first-team selection

Wide-out Jamaica Rector unanimous choice on this year's squad

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

After finishing in the only five-way tie in MIAA history, five Northwest football players were named first team All-MIAA on Tuesday.

The five first-teamers made for the most picks from any school.

Included on the list were repeat members seniors John Edmonds and Darryl Ridley along with junior Jamaica Rector.

In addition, senior Ken Eboh was named to the first team as an offensive lineman.

"I'm really proud of Ken," head

coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "If you look at his career, from the time he came here to where he is now is a great accomplishment."

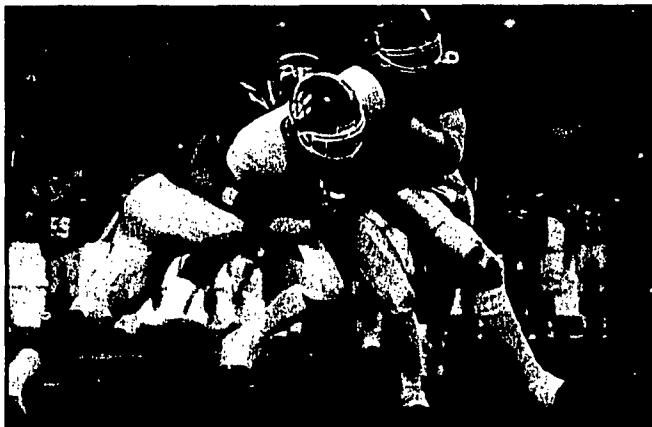
Rector was unanimously named to the first-team as a wide receiver and also earn first team accolades as a kick returner.

"It's a great honor," Rector said. "It's a good accomplishment for me. I was just glad to stay healthy and earn the honor."

Senior Mike Nanninga and sophomore Andre Rector were named to the second team.

"Mike has bounced around in different positions and done what we have asked him to do no matter what," Tjeerdsma said. "For him to make second team is really outstanding."

Seniors Andy Creger, Ray Fonoti and Adam Orte were given honorable mention as were juniors



Wide receiver Jamaica Rector makes one of his nine catches in the win over Pitt State. Rector led the MIAA in receiving yards and receptions, leading to a first-team spot.

Morris White, Adam Long and sophomore Josh Lamberson.

ESU head coach Dave Wiemers was named MIAA Coach of the Year.

Pittsburg State claimed not only the offensive and defensive most

valuable players in Neal Philpot and Aaron McConnell but also a share of the Freshman of the Year award.

Gorilla freshman Germaine Race tied with Truman's Trent Hearn for the honor.

BEARCATS SELECTED

1st team
WR Jamaica Rector
OT Ken Eboh
LB John Edmonds
CB Darryl Ridley
KR Jamaica Rector

2nd team
DL Mike Nanninga
WR Andre Rector

Honorable mention
QB Josh Lamberson
WR Adam Orte
OG Ray Fonoti
KR Morris White
LB Adam Long
LB Andy Creger

Jamaica was named one of five unanimous choices. Third straight year he's made All-MIAA first team.



Quarterback Josh Lamberson threw the ball 41 times in the win over PSU. When asked during the postgame press conference if he's ever thrown that many times, Lamberson said, "Never ever."

All in the Family

The Northwest Missourian takes an in-depth look at family and its influence on athletes at Northwest and Maryville High

Tradition dates back 30 years

By ANDY TIMKO
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Wrestling and the surname Drake have been synonymous in Spoofhound country for three decades now, and it looks as though that may continue for years to come.

Joe Drake, head coach for the 'Hounds wrestling team, became interested in the sport during his



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR Father and head coach Joe Drake (left) began the Drake wrestling tradition which includes his sons Jay (center) and Joseph who is currently a MHS senior.

years in junior high.

"I was a very small boy for my class, and I found this was one area that I could compete on an equal level with other people my same size," Drake said.

Drake wrestled through his junior high years, but it was not until high school that he fell in love with the sport and decided to pursue an interest in wrestling and coaching (Please see "Tradition" page 3B)

Bearcat Arena to host weekend full of basketball

Women look to answer some questions soon

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

&
BILL KNUST
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Heading into the season opener for the Northwest women's basketball team, there are plenty of questions to be answered.

The first one is who's who for their opponent, Bemidji State University.

Going into Friday night's season opener, the only tool head



Ryland Milner Classic begins Friday afternoon

coach Gene Steinmeyer has to use is a video of a Bemidji State practice against North Dakota State. If there is one thing the Bearcats do know about their opponent, though, it is that they will present one of the most unique defenses they will face all season.

"They run a zone that the Metro State men have used to win

York (Neb.) College vs. Avila (women), 1 p.m.
East New Mexico vs. Rockhurst (men), 3 p.m.
Northwest vs. Bemidji State (women), 6 p.m.
Northwest vs. Warner-Southern (men), 8 p.m.

York vs. Bemidji State (women), 1 p.m.
First or third place men's game, 3 p.m.
Northwest vs. Avila (women), 6 p.m.
Northwest vs. ENMU/Rockhurst winner or loser (men), 8 p.m.

two national championships in Division II," Steinmeyer said. "It's a 1-1-3 zone, but the ball is always under constant pressure. It's tricky for the offense to solve."

Before falling into the trap, though, realize this. One of the few other Division II teams to run the defense is Steinmeyer's own.

"We run (Please see "Bearcat" page 5B)

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Boys' basketball

The 'Hounds lost some key players from a year ago, but a lot of talent returns for the 2003-04 campaign. Turn to page 4B for a season preview of the boys' basketball team and comments from the head coach.

Girls' basketball

The road to another district title will begin soon for the girls' basketball team. The squad will see many tough opponents on their schedule this season. For head coach Randall Cook's comments on this year's team and schedule, turn to page 4B.



Men's basketball

Head coach Steve Tappmeyer and the Bearcats started the 2003-04 season Tuesday at home against NAIA Bethel College. Turn to page 3B to find out who led the Bearcats in victory.



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Two 'Cats ensure win for Bearcats in Fall Classic

he was so energetic that he forgot that the ball was still in play. Teammates were there to make sure Pitt State's Andy Majors did not get too far after he picked up the ball in a desperate attempt to score.

It was then that it was all right for Glover to skip toward the sideline in excitement, and it was likely then that a season of hampering injuries were having no effect on his celebration.

"I've had several injuries this year," Glover said. "I've missed three games. All I could think of was trying to get back to play this one."

Glover went into the game still suffering from a shoulder injury that had kept him out a week earlier. Luckily, he didn't need to use his shoulder to block the field goal.

"This was a big game," Glover said. "I just wanted to do my part in helping the team win, and, once I did, I was like 'Wow, I had the opportunity to make a play,' and I did."

Three games ago, it was difficult to determine if sophomore quarterback Josh Lamberson would pull off what he did against the Gorillas. He injured his knee against Missouri Western State College and sat out the following game against Truman State University. He bounced back and played well against Southwest Baptist the following game, but it was his performance against the Gorillas that shined.

For the past several seasons, it was always the running game that was successful in wins over Pitt State. Lamberson may have only run for 16 yards, but his scrambling was key in the win.

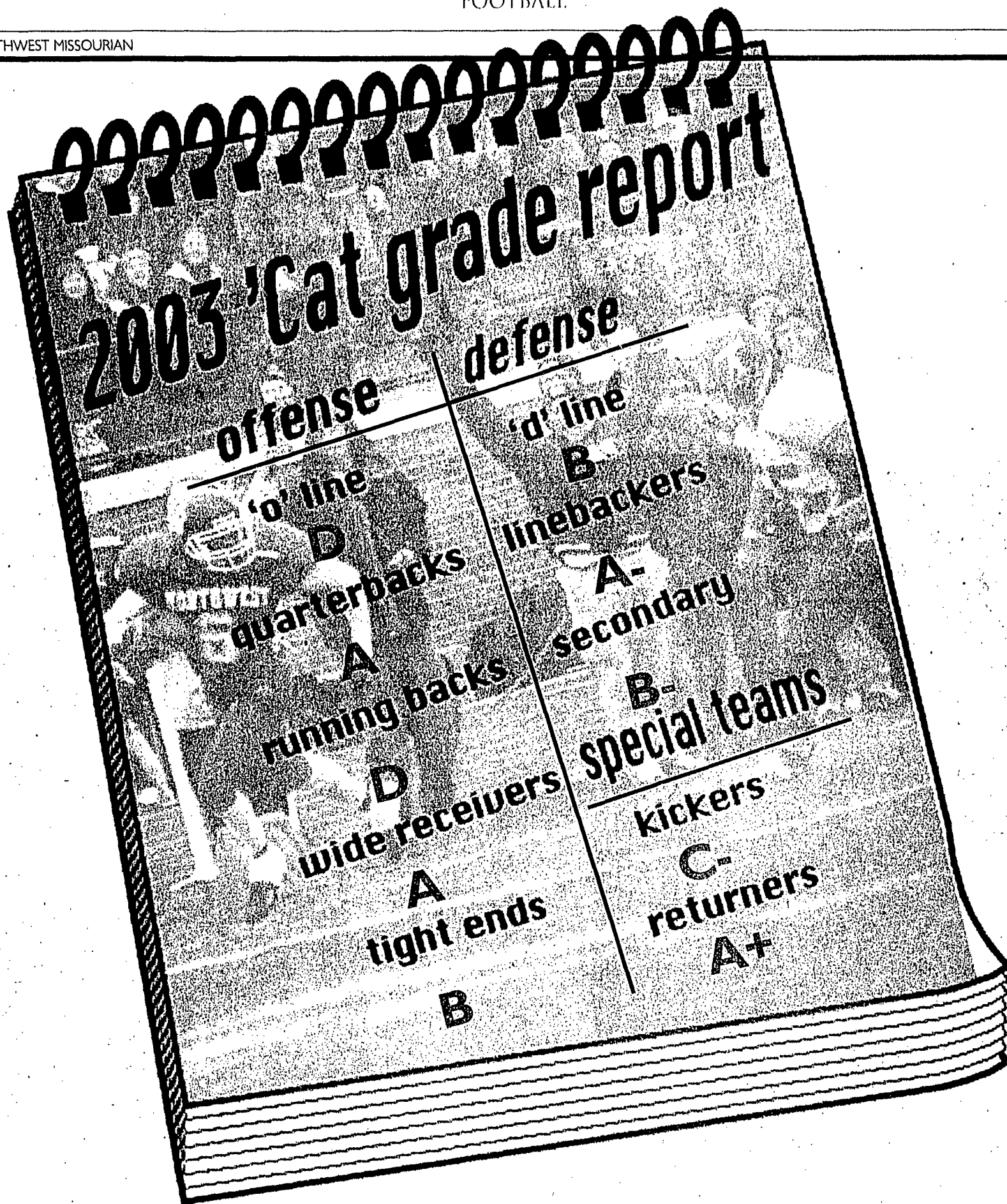
Several times, the Gorilla defense forgot about the threats that Northwest had at receiver while attempting to slow Lamberson down. Yet, numerous times, Lamberson made it look like he was going to take off, only to wait enough time to find a wide-open Jamaica Rector, Andre Rector or Adam Otte.

"We've seen it on film, their defensive scheme, and what they like to do," Lamberson said. "You've really got to give the credit to the coaches and their offensive game plan, letting us go out there and execute."

When Lamberson took the final knee as the final seconds ticked away, he turned toward the Northwest sideline and the Northwest crowd and raised his arms with ball in hand. He had just finished the game throwing the ball 41 times. He completed 27 of those passes to eight different receivers and racked up 320 yards.

"What can you say, 10 (Lamberson) to 6 (Rector)," Pitt State defensive lineman Aaron McConnell said. "Seems like that's what they did all night."

At times, Lamberson limped to the huddle as the Pitt State defense was able to get through for eight sacks on the sophomore, but weakness did not show in any of the 68 plays in he took part in.



Individual positions earn marks for past season

Quarterbacks: Even though there was a split in time at the beginning of the season, once sophomore Josh Lamberson took over the reigns, the position became one of the most exciting on the field.

Running backs: Several times the running backs did not run for 100 yards as a team. Add to that the most exciting rushers on the team were not even running backs.

Wide receivers: Three of the receivers didn't make all-conference for anything. Adam Otte and the Rectors combined for the most talented trio in the nation.

Jamaica Rector was named a Harlon Hill candidate and will likely be named all-American.

Offensive line: The line couldn't run block and the quarterback spent much of the season running for his life. There is not a whole lot to say aside from that. The recruiting trail is going to be hot looking for some junior college transfers.

Tight Ends: When called on, the tight ends did what they were asked. Problem is, they were only called on sparingly. The only thing keeping them from earning an A is the fact they were also considered part of the offensive line, which was far from earning an A.

Defensive Line: It's hard to tell how good they could have been if they were at full power. With po-

tential All-MIAA players Dave Tollefson and Steve Williams on the sidelines this season, they were forced to call on freshman like Kyle Kaiser and Ryan Waters.

With all four coming back next season good things could happen at this position.

Linebackers: If there was bright spot on the defense, it would have to be the linebackers. The backers generally had the lead tackler each game.

Lost from the position will be John Edmonds and Andy Greger, but five other linebackers who saw the field return.

Defensive backs: Occasionally giving up the big plays, the defensive backs were plagued by inju-

ries. The injuries started before the season with Steve Morrison suffering a knee injury.

Kickers: Even though they showed continued improvement this season, the kickers still were less than consistent.

In addition, finding a kicker who could put the ball in the endzone on kickoffs was even more of a challenge.

Returners: No other position on the team caused people to move to the edge of their seats like the returners did.

Even though Morris White broke his leg with one game left in the season, his antics after any play big or small were worth watching.

Bearcats defeat Gorillas in seventh straight meeting

the end zone uncovered. "I was thinking, 'How did I get that open?'" Rector said. "We had run (the play) before, and it was open. I was standing there wide open wondering if he was going to see me. I threw my hand up, and he found me."

Pittsburg State responded, though, by scoring on their next two possessions to close the gap to 20-19.

They then had another chance to tie the game with an extra point, but the kick failed.

"We are going to take away his scholarship and make him walk home," head coach Chuck Broyles joked about his kicker.

However, Pittsburg State has a chance to redeem themselves. The 9-2 Gorillas qualified for the playoffs and will travel to North Dakota this Saturday.

Though the Bearcats end their season a win short of the playoffs or a trip to the Mineral Water Bowl, Tjeerdsma says a win like Saturday's would be tough to top.

"I think that, personally, that was a great thrill. I'm not sure (anything) other than maybe a playoff situation could top the feeling I had (at Arrowhead). As far as I'm concerned, it worked out just fine. If you don't get in the playoffs, this was a great way to end it. It's something our seniors will always remember as their last game."

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BEARCAT NOTES

Bearcat named Player of the Week: Sophomore quarterback Josh Lamberson was named co-MIAA Offensive Player of the Week for his performance against Pittsburg State last Saturday.

Dubbed "The People's Choice" by *The Northwest Missourian*, the sophomore threw for a career high 320 yards in the 20-19 win.

University of Missouri-Rolla quarterback Evan Gray was also named Player of the Week for his performance against Missouri Western.

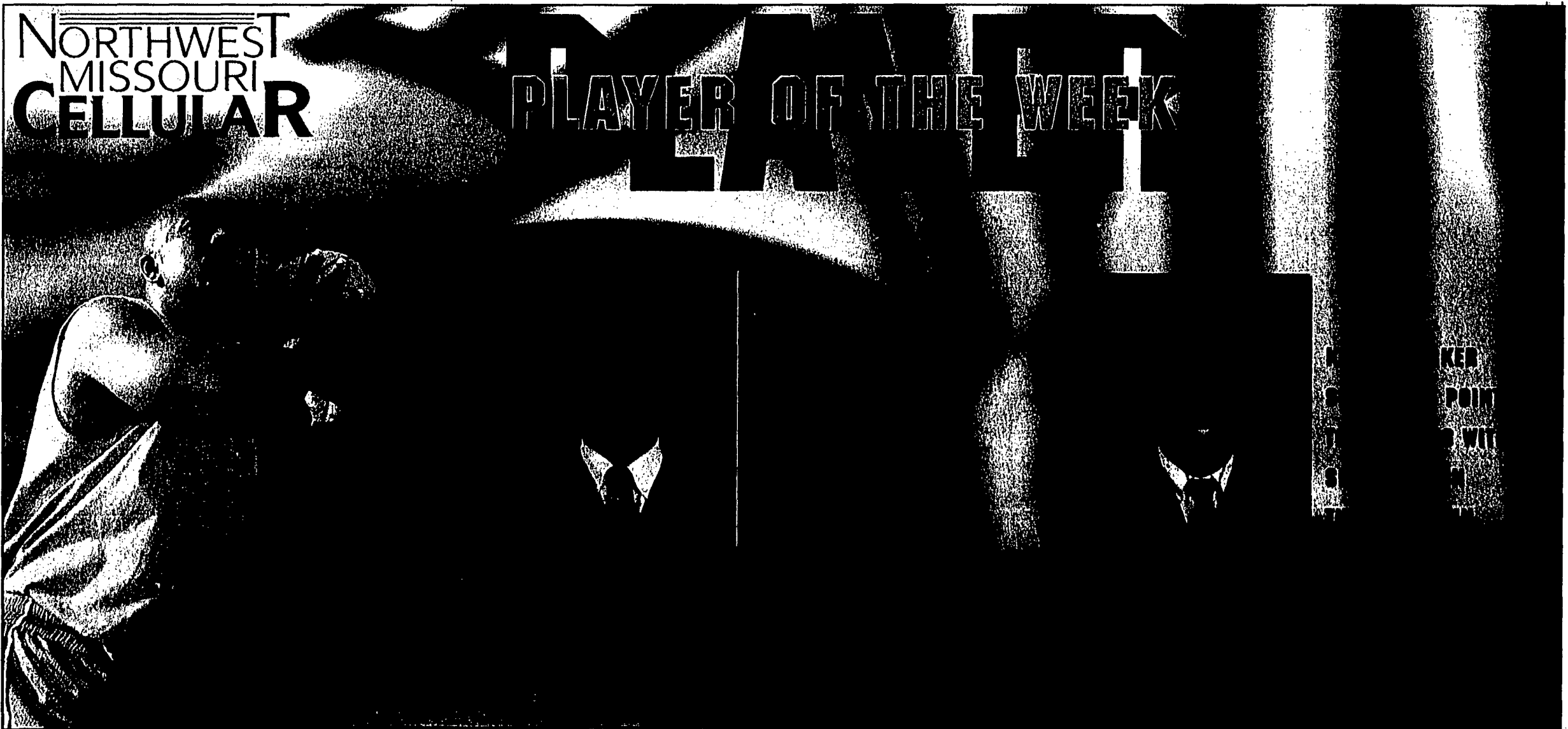
No nicknames for Gray though.

Tony Glover was nominated as Special Teams Player of the Week but did not earn the honor.

Squad cracks the top 25: The Northwest football team finished the season No. 25 in the American Football Coaches Association poll thanks to their win over Pittsburg State.

Pittsburg State, Emporia State and Central Missouri State all finished the season ranked in the top 25.

The fifth member of the MIAA title quintet, Missouri Western did not receive any votes for the top 25.



All in the Family: Sport's role and influence on local family members

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Tradition dates back three decades for Drake family

in college.

"When I first started college, I wanted to be an athletic trainer," Drake said. "I wrestled in junior college, and when I transferred to Northwest my junior year, I decided at that time that, if I wanted to stay in athletics, I was going to be a coach instead of a trainer."

"With more than 30 years of coaching behind him, Drake has seen many changes to the wrestling system, and his teams have achieved nonetheless."

"One of the things I believed very strongly from the beginning was being in better shape than your opponent," Drake

said. "If all else is equal and we're in better shape toward the end of the match, we're going to win."

Over the years, Drake has also learned a few tricks of the trade that sometimes give his wrestlers an advantage over opponents.

"This may sound funny, but we keep a scouting book on all the officials so we know what to expect because everyone is different," Drake said.

Now in his 30th year as head coach, Drake has one son, Jay, as an assistant and another, Joe, who is a senior wrestler looking to return to the state competition.

Jay started wrestling because of his father, and, since graduating from high school, he has become an assistant coach.

"I've been an assistant coach for 13 years," Jay said. "It was something to do while I was at college, and it was fun, so I just stuck with it."

Joe, like his brother, started wrestling because of his father. "My brother wrestled, and my cousins on my dad's side wrestled, so I just picked it up," Joe said.

With more than 40 years of wrestling experience between them, both Coach Drake and Jay have enjoyed watching and helping Joe improve through the years.

"It feels good to see how he's progressed through the years," Jay said.

With family members as coaches, one would think Joe would feel pressure from his peers to do well, but he says it does not faze him.

"I think (students) feel I should do better, but I really don't feel any pressure," Joe said.

During his junior year, Joe took second place at districts, and he acknowledges that his father and brother have helped him succeed thus far.

"I've learned everything I know about the sport from those two," Joe said. "They'll let you know what you're doing wrong pretty quick. They won't beat around the bush."

Even with all the experience Drake has gained over the years, he still admits that losing is the hardest part of his job.

"I don't think you ever overcome that," Drake said. "Once you decide that's not a problem, I don't think you're an effective coach anymore."

Drake admits that he loves the competition and seeing the happiness on the boys' faces when they compete, and he hopes to be around to see more of it for years to come.

Brothers have no problem sharing basketball court

By JEROME BOETTCHER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Every older brother dreams of bossing around his younger brother, and Mike Morley is living that dream.

"I get to tell him what to do now," said Mike Morley, one of the assistant coaches for the Northwest men's basketball team. "That's always nice when you're the older brother."

Mike, a former Northwest basketball player, is a graduate assistant at Northwest. He is coaching his younger brother, Ryan.

Ryan is a fifth-year senior at Northwest, but he is in his first year with the Northwest basketball team. He is a forward from Maryville.

Last year, he played baseball at Northwest, but he played basketball at Arkansas Tech for a year prior to that. Before that, he attended Southwestern Community College for two years in Osceola, Iowa. His brother Mike was also an assistant coach at Southwestern at the time.

"I played for him at Southwestern, and I knew I would be happy here," Ryan said of his decision to come back to Maryville. "I got tired of Arkansas Tech, and I decided that I missed basketball, and I wanted to come back and play."

The brothers don't think that they will run into problems on the court, and they think they will get along just fine.

"It shouldn't be a problem at all," Mike said. "We are used to it. He works hard and does what he's supposed to do anyway, so (it's) no problem whatsoever."

"We haven't had any problems," Ryan added. "It has been a good player-coach



Assistant basketball coach Mike Morley gives his brother Ryan some advice during a timeout of a recent game against Bethel College. Their love for the game of basketball led to Southwestern Community College and eventually Northwest. Their younger brother, Zach, currently plays for Wisconsin.

relationship."

The brothers do think that it is a little different than actually playing together.

"It is probably not as fun as playing with him, but it is still fun," Mike said. "(I'm) in an authoritative role instead of a teammate role."

Mike and Ryan aren't the only ones who play basketball in the family. In fact, playing basketball seems to run in the family.

Their father, Del Morley, who is the director of financial assistance at Northwest, was an assistant under head coach

Steve Tappmeyer for a few years and a coach before that.

"Always going to the gym, always being around basketball, just kind of ran in the family," Mike said. "Everybody has been part of it. It just comes natural."

Mike and Ryan's brothers, Zach and Nate, also play basketball. Zach currently plays ball at the University of Wisconsin. This is his first year at Wisconsin, but he also played basketball at Indian Hills Community College in Indian Hills, Iowa, the past two years. Nate Morley plays at Maryville High School

and is in his senior year.

"Our dad coached for 20 years," Ryan said. "I was there; it was all we knew."

As for the future for the brothers, Mike said this will be his last year as a graduate assistant at Northwest. This is Ryan's last year, but he says he will probably try to coach after this season. Ryan says his brother has influenced his choice, but the fact that he has been around it all his life is also a big factor.

"It was something everyone enjoyed and loved to do," Ryan said. "Why not continue doing it?"

McKims all about work ethic, talent

"Dad always said you should work hard because you can be a witness to others."

DAN McKIM, NORTHWEST SENIOR

By DAN ZECH
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Athletics can strengthen a bond between brothers, and it can bring out the best in both. Dan and Ben McKim are an example of how brothers grow up with sports.

Dan and Ben McKim have been playing sports together a long time.

"I remember Ben always used to get black eyes," older brother Dan said. "We'd be playing touch football with the neighbor kids, and Ben wanted to play tackle."

Ben, who is five years younger than Dan, plays tight end for the Maryville Spoofhounds and throws discus and shot for the Spoofhound track team.

"Ben is the best athlete," Dan said.

Dan played basketball for the Spoofhounds, and, like his brother, threw discus and shot for the team. Dan is now a thrower for the Bearcat track team.

"(Dan) is the best athlete," Ben said.

Although they have respect for each other, the boys remember the days when they competed for everything.

"I remember my older brother, Josh, saying that Ben was faster than me," Dan said.

Dan said he worked hard to make sure he would stay faster than his younger brother, saying the one-upmanship between the two of them helped push them both to become better athletes. However, Ben credits Dan with introducing sports to Ben when they were kids.

"I always wanted to beat Dan in basketball," Ben said. "He was always easy going, but he could block all my shots."

Paul Read worked with both the McKim brothers as their throwing coach.

"They were both talented, and they wanted to succeed," Read said. "They would work hard and try to apply what was being coached."

Read said that both McKims had a strong work ethic, and they were willing to put in time in the weight room to improve themselves.

"They both wanted to be as good as they could be," he said. "They were willing to watch tapes of other throwers to try and improve themselves."

Read said a strong family backbone as well as scholastic achievement helped set them apart as athletes.

As athletes, both brothers felt their parents never pushed them towards athletics. But, as the boys got older, their dad was always supportive.

"My family has always lifted (weights)," Ben said.

Paul, the brothers' father, told the kids that lifting weights would help them as athletes.

"I remember Dad yelling," Dan said. "He had a booming voice, and you could hear him over a crowd."

Paul McKim, who is a minister at the Laura Street Baptist Church, has also given the brothers another motivation for being athletes.

"Dad always said you should work hard because you can be a witness to others," Dan said.

'Cats roll over Bethel in season opener at Bearcat Arena

By BILL KNUST
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The No. 16 ranked Northwest men's basketball team looked like a team that could make some noise in MIAA play during their 87-54 win over Bethel College Tuesday night.

The inspired play came in spurts and offered head coach Steve Tappmeyer a look at what could be expected.

"When we needed it, we showed we could gear up our intensity and play defense," Tappmeyer said. "It's been so long

Northwest
87
Bethel
54
- Keenan Wier lead the team with 13 points.



since we have had this many new guys, that the one thing that really helps our chances is that we have unselfish guys."

Bethel kept the game close for much of the first half, cutting Northwest's lead to six at 26-20. But the 'Cats began a 17-

3 run with 6:05 remaining to close out the first half and build a 41-23 lead.

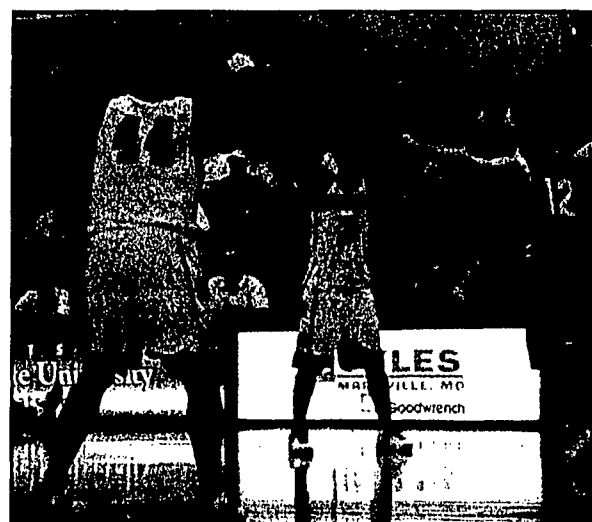
The run was highlighted by a nine-point burst in the final 2:17 in which senior guard Kelvin Parker knocked home a jumper, stroked a three-pointer and contributed another lay-up and assist in the final seconds of the half.

It was a good sign for Parker who started the game 0-4 from the field and had two turnovers. Although Parker thought he played within himself and did not try and press things, Tappmeyer had a different outlook on

the situation.

"I didn't think he ever looked like he was in the flow tonight," Tappmeyer said. "It's hard for him though. He's used to playing with that same group of guys. He played with Scott Fleming for three years and developed a good chemistry with him."


The second half was highlighted by redshirt freshman Victor James' performance off the bench. James, known as Thick Sauce, scored nine points and impressed Tappmeyer with his play off the bench.



Junior guard Sky Wilson finds forward/center Byron Jackson in the second half of the Bearcats' win over Bethel Tuesday night.



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'Hounds hope to continue last season's success in this season

By ANDY TIMKO
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The weather is getting colder, sports are moving inside, and mats are covering the gym floor. Anyone who follows high school sports knows it's time for Spoofhound wrestling to start.

Heading into his 30th year as Maryville High School wrestling head coach, Joe Drake is leading a team that is looking to win as many trophies and medals as the display case can hold.

"It's too early to tell because some things can happen this year," Drake said. "I think we should do well in districts, and some guys may be state qualifiers."

The 'Hounds had 11 wrestlers who placed third or better in districts last year, and five of those qualified for state. Derek Merrill, one of the five that went to state, finished third in the 130-pound competition.

This year, nine of those wrestlers who helped the 'Hounds win districts will be returning to hopefully keep the winning tradition alive.

"I think we're pretty consistent year to year," Drake said. "We won districts last year, and we had five state qualifiers."

The 'Hounds are looking forward to this season, but Drake says he still does not know how good the team looks.

"We just started practice on Monday, and a large number of our wrestlers are still playing football," Drake said. "We'll have to wait to pick up most of our team until after the football season is over."

When those players return to the mats, the 'Hounds will look to improve the talent of both the returning starters and the new wrestlers to increase their chances of winning more competitions.

"The returning starters have a certain level of confidence, and they can set an example for the rest of the guys," Drake said.

Seniors Joseph Drake, Jon Reed and Eric Wilmarth are returning starters who will be trying to show the rest of the team how to keep their level of intensity throughout the season.

"They know what kind of work it takes to be good, and, when they step up to the next level, they know the kind of work it takes to achieve that," Drake said.

WRESTLING SCHEDULE		
Dec. 5	St. Plur	6 p.m.
Dec. 11	Platteburg	6 p.m.
Dec. 13	Lexington Tour	TBA
Dec. 16	Savannah	6 p.m.
Dec. 20	Trenton Tour	TBA
Jan. 6	Benton	6 p.m.
Jan. 8	Lafayette	6 p.m.
Jan. 10	Rock Port	6 p.m.
Jan. 13	Pleasant Hill Tour	TBA
Jan. 15	Hamilton	6 p.m.
Jan. 17	Platteburg Tour	TBA
Jan. 20	Cameron	6 p.m.
Jan. 22	Platte Co.	6 p.m.
Jan. 27	Stanberry	6 p.m.
Jan. 29	Smithville	6 p.m.
Jan. 31	Maryville Tour	TBA
Feb. 7	Districts	TBA
Feb. 14	Sectionals	TBA
Feb. 19	State	TBA

Difficult opponents on schedules for 'Hound squads

By DAN ZECH
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville Spoofhound boys' and girls' basketball teams will begin preparing for their seasons soon.

The boys are looking to further their performance in the Midland Empire Conference tournament as they begin practices this year.

"We won't have our full squad (for practice) if we go a long way in football," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said.

"Depending on how they do will affect how we practice... We will start with fundamentals." The 'Hounds began practice on Nov. 3.

"We'll have an experienced team coming back; it will be senior-orientated," Kuwitzky said.

The 'Hounds will return two starters and six letter earners, and Kuwitzky believes the team should be deep.

Kuwitzky said he expects the schedule for this year's 'Hounds will be difficult, especially within the MEC. Chillicothe, Cameron, Smithville and Platte County look to be key opponents for the 'Hounds this season.

"It's a tough conference," Kuwitzky said.

The Lady Spoofhounds will have returning experience as well as they look to improve on their

trip to sectionals last year. The 'Hounds will have five seniors with varsity experience, and the 'Hounds are returning a key player from last year, Abby Walter at point guard. The Lady 'Hounds began practice Nov. 3, and head coach Randy Cook says defense will be the main focus.

"I think we can score and do things on offense... We'll focus on defense," Cook said. "A lot of intensity drills and work real hard to get after people."

The girls team will also face a tough schedule this season. In addition to the opponents in the MEC, the team will play in some tournaments against 5A and 6A opponents. Coach Cook said the tough schedule will help the team.

"I like to win every game, but my main concern is getting ready for districts," Cook said.

The key opponents in the conference this season will be Smithville, Savannah and Platte County.

The 'Hounds coach has aspirations of returning to sectionals.

"After doing it last year, first time in 20 years, you tend to want to keep doing it, it's hard to do," Cook said. "You want to keep that standard. That will be our goal."

The boys team gets their season underway on Dec. 5 when they travel to face Auburn, Neb.

The girls team begins their season on Dec. 2 at home against Mid-Buchanan.

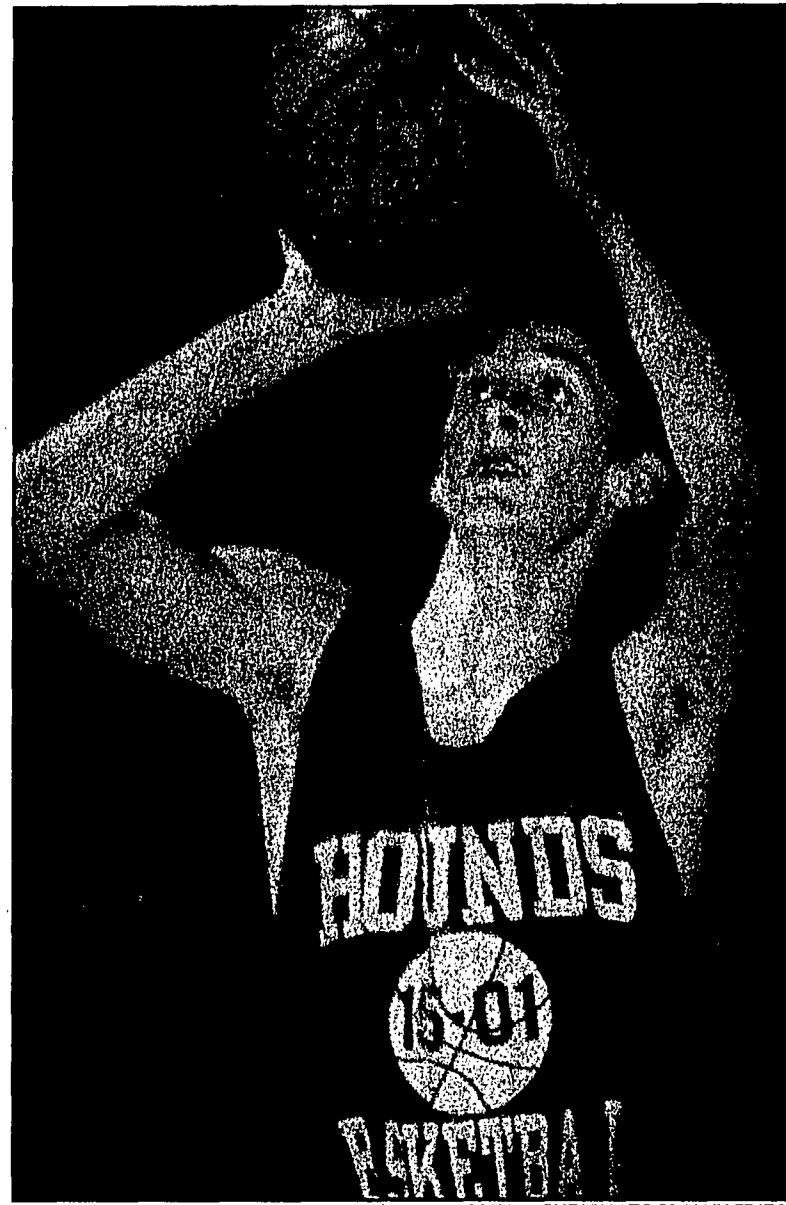


PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Tanner Burch takes part in shooting drills during Tuesday's practice. The 'Hounds are preparing for their season opener on Dec. 5 against Auburn Neb.

Hawkeyes illness hits everyone on team from tackles to trainer

By DONOVAN BURBA
THE DAILY IOWAN

(U-WIRE) IOWA CITY, Iowa - The Iowa Hawkeyes have been tormented by injuries all season long, but recently the Iowa football team was hit by a veritable plague. At least 15 to 20 Hawks took ill either this week or last, with the virus striking everyone from offensive lineman Robert Gallery to head trainer Ed Crowley.

"It's getting kind of bad around here. Sounds like that movie 'Outbreak,'" joked running back Fred Russell, who added he was feeling better after running a fever Monday.

Mike Follett and Matt Neubauer looked so bad before the Nov. 15 game against Minnesota that the coaching staff sent them home before kickoff, and Gallery vomited in the locker room but played anyway. Ferentz said his star tackle was back running Sunday but was still feeling ill. According to Ferentz and several players, safety Bob Sanders was hit the hardest, checking into the emergency room Sunday night. He didn't spend the night in the hospital, but he was nowhere to be seen Tuesday.

"It's nothing to laugh about — it really isn't," said coach Kirk Ferentz. "Although it is almost comical. If you sat back and looked at it you'd say, 'Jeez,

this can't be happening.' But it is."

Everyone in the football program is taking medication, he said, to try to head off the sickness or at least dull its effects if it does strike. The Hawks even had a whooping cough scare on Nov. 11, but tests were negative.

"I didn't even know they still had whooping cough," Ferentz said.

Even rare, strange illnesses can't ruffle the Hawkeyes' feathers at this point in the season. Starting in spring practice, one Hawkeye after another went down with injuries, and Iowa hasn't been close to 100 percent all year. The team's "Next Man In" motto, repeated with increasing weariness each week, still holds, regardless of the situ-

ation.

"There are things that happen, and we've got other guys that can step in, and we've just got to get those guys better to play on Saturday," said linebacker Abdul Hodge, who said he feels fine. "We've been doing a good job with the next guy stepping in, and we've been OK with it. It hasn't hurt us too badly."

Only one regular season game remains, leaving scant time for a plague of locusts or blood rain, about the only things the Hawkeyes haven't suffered through. For Ferentz, the latest disaster is enough. Deadpanned the coach: "This has been a year of unusual circumstances, and this has been a great way to cap the year off."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Dec. 2	Mid-Buchanan	6 p.m.
Dec. 4	Lafayette	6 p.m.
Dec. 6	South Harrison	6 p.m.
Dec. 11	EsBlond	6 p.m.
Dec. 15	Nodaway Tour	TBA
Dec. 23	Lebanon Tour	TBA
Jan. 9	Lafayette	6 p.m.
Jan. 12	Clarks	6 p.m.
Jan. 16	St. Plur	6 p.m.
Jan. 20	Bentley Miesse Tour	TBA
Jan. 27	Benton	6 p.m.
Jan. 30	Savannah	6 p.m.
Feb. 3	Platte Co.	6 p.m.
Feb. 5	Smithville	6 p.m.
Feb. 10	Chillicothe	6 p.m.
Feb. 12	Benton	6 p.m.
Feb. 19	Savannah	6 p.m.
Feb. 24	Cameron	6 p.m.
Mar. 1	Districts	TBA

BOYS BASKETBALL

Dec. 5	Auburn Neb	6 p.m.
Dec. 8	South Harrison	6 p.m.
Dec. 12	Lebanon	6 p.m.
Dec. 15	Nodaway Tour	TBA
Dec. 26	Jewell Tour	TBA
Jan. 5	Clarks	6 p.m.
Jan. 8	Lafayette	6 p.m.
Jan. 12	Savannah Tour	TBA
Jan. 20	Mid-Buchanan	6 p.m.
Jan. 23	Chillicothe	6 p.m.
Jan. 27	Savannah	6 p.m.
Jan. 30	Benton	6 p.m.
Feb. 3	Platte Co.	6 p.m.
Feb. 9	Chillicothe	6 p.m.
Feb. 13	Benton	6 p.m.
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Editor questions Gorilla coach's tact with media

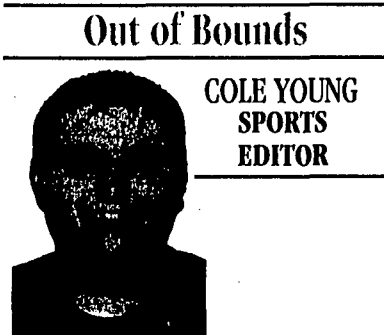
Before I get too far into my column, I want to give you a little background. I grew up south of Kansas City, which pretty much means that's Gorilla country. Therefore, when I was old enough to follow a football team, Pittsburg State was the natural choice. My cousin played for them back in the first few years that Northwest beat them, and still, I rooted for the Gorillas.

Finally, during my freshman year, I turned into a Bearcat fan. I had family that was from Maryville and realized it was easier to join them than fight them.

I never really knew why I did until Saturday after the Fall Classic.

After Northwest pulled off another win thanks to some Bearcat magic and the chest of Tony Glover, I proceeded to go to the postgame press conference.

There, I was treated to a weak attempt at humor by Pittsburg



Out of Bounds

COLE YOUNG
SPORTS
EDITOR

State's head coach Chuck Broyles.

Apparently, Broyles found it easier to make fun of the media rather than stand up for his questionable play calling all day long.

I did not really know what to think. Here is one of the top coaches in the conference essentially refusing to explain why he did what he did, instead finding it easier to make jokes and reference Division I football and

the NFL.

After he repeatedly tried to outsmart the media, tried being the operative word, he gave up and went back to Pittsburg with his seventh straight loss.

Examples of Broyles' lame attempts at being funny included asking a reporter how the reporter knew that Broyles wanted to go to the playoffs. Then, with a chuckle, he laughed it off.

No one else did, though, just sitting there stunned that this man was saying such dumb things.

Thankfully, we were able to get straight answers from Northwest's coach Tjeerdsma. Sure, you're saying Northwest won. Obviously, he is going to be fun to talk to.

After talking to him in each of the three losses this year, he has been the same way. While obviously disappointed, he took the losses like a man and treated those asking questions in a sincere manner rather than trying to find ways to avoid answering the hard ques-

tions.

I think it's time Broyles took a page from Tjeerdsma's book on dealing with the media after losing.

He just has to remember he can degrade the media all he wants, but we didn't just lose to our archrival for a seventh straight time.

By the time the press conference was over, I had never been more pleased to be a Bearcat.

While the Gorillas can boast they still have life in the playoffs, likely they will return to the jungle the losers of two straight next Saturday night.

I know most football players would much rather have their last memory of the season be the feeling they had the last moments of the Pitt State game rather than that of a first-round playoff loss or an appearance in the Mineral Water Bowl.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Squad inks three players for next season

Northwest head softball coach Susan Anderson has announced the signing of three players to letters of intent.

Amy Farrow, Molly Harness and Lauren Lakebrink all will be freshmen at Northwest next fall.

Farrow, from Lenexa, Kan., batted .418 last season for Shawnee Mission West and led them to the state tournament the last two seasons.

Harness is a catcher from Park Hill South High School.

She has been the team's MVP the last two seasons as well as first-team all conference and all-district.

Lakebrink is a pitcher from Liberty, Mo. While pitching this summer in the ASA Gold Nationals, she had a 0.00 earned run average. In 222.1 innings of work this summer, she had an ERA of 1.07 as well as having 216 strikeouts and just 56 walks.

Freshman named to All-MIAA squad

Freshman Mackenzie Heston was named to the All-MIAA honorable mention squad.

Heston led the team in blocks this season and was second on the squad in kills.

The Ankeny, Iowa, native was third on the team in aces.

Named to Academic All-District Football squad

Two Northwest Bearcats were named to the CoSIDA All-America District VII college football team.

Senior John Edmonds was named to the first-team defense.

The linebacker has a 3.67 GPA and is an accounting, marketing and business administration major.

Sophomore quarterback Josh Lamberson was named to the second-team offense.

Senior Troy Tysdahl was named to the second team defense.

Roosevelt connection helps keep tournament namesake in Maryville

By Andrew Madden
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

It was a tough time for everyone.

World War II had started, and along with it, draft notices went out to thousands of college men across the country, including former Northwest coach and athletic director Ryland Milner, the namesake of this weekend's basketball tournament.

It is a good thing fate was on his side.

According to the story, Milner and Wilbur "Sparky" Stalcup, the basketball coach at the time, got draft notices. At the same time, hundreds of sailors were pouring into Northwest, which had become a Navy base. Eugene Lamkin, the school's president, couldn't imagine losing both of his coaches. So he made a phone call to his personal friend, President Franklin Delano

Roosevelt. Roosevelt tore up Milner's draft notice, and the rest is history.

Milner, a native of Oklahoma City, went on to coach nearly every sport at Northwest, but he is most known for his accomplishments in football. He held the career record with 89 wins until this season, when current coach Mel Tjeerdsma surpassed the mark. He also had a winning record as the basketball coach, claiming a 52-51 mark in his six seasons as head coach.

It was a different era when Milner coached football according to former Bearcat Bob Gregory.

"(Milner) coached back in the days when we went both ways," Gregory said. "We took buses to all the games, and sometimes we would take cars so we could have enough players."

Gregory played both basketball and football at Northwest between 1939 and 1941, and feels Milner defi-

nately had a positive effect on him.

"I have a great deal of respect for (Milner)," Gregory said. "I think he got everything out of me anyone could."

After retiring from coaching, Milner became the athletic director, a post he did not relinquish until the mid 1970s. Even after he retired, he still made frequent trips to Lamkin Arena to visit with coaches and players.

Twenty-eight years ago, after Milner retired, the basketball tournament was created, and it has been a Northwest tradition ever since. The athletic complex at Northwest was also named after him. Hundreds of people attended his funeral at Bearcat Arena when he died in the mid-'90s.

"(Milner) was a true Bearcat, and they always said he bled green," former Sports Information Director Bob Henry said. "One of his favorite sayings was 'Once a Bearcat, always a Bearcat.' If he liked you, he was a loyal friend."

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Milner Classic to give Bearcat Arena weekend full of activities

the same zone," Steinmeyer said. "The only problem is everyone runs it differently."

On Saturday night, the women continue the Ryland Milner Classic when they face off against NAIA opponent Avila.

According to Steinmeyer, they have even less information about Avila.

"We really are just focusing on our first opponent," he said.

While winning is top priority the first two games, getting everything aligned for the MIAA season, is just as important.

"At this point of the season it's just a tinker toy set, and you're trying to build a trophy," Steinmeyer said.

Men hope to keep record spotless

While the names Warner Southern, Rockhurst and Eastern New Mexico do not jump off the page, the teams will bring quality game to Bearcat Arena this weekend.

The previously mentioned teams will compete with the Northwest men's basketball team in the Ryland Milner Tournament this weekend.

The Bearcats' first opponent will be No. 7 ranked NAIA school Warner Southern.

"We haven't seen film on Warner Southern yet, but I know Rockhurst and Eastern New Mexico are good basketball teams, and Warner Southern finished fourth in NAIA last year," men's head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "I think it's going to be a big step up this weekend as far as the competition. It is going to be similar to MIAA action."

The Cats haven't lost a game in

the Milner since the 1996-97 season, and senior guard Kelvin Parker said the team expects to do well.

"It's big from a fan standpoint because they expect us to do well, and it gives us a chance to build some momentum," Parker said. "As you come out on top, I think that's what you look for."

Senior forward Keenan Weir also expects a strong showing from the Bearcats, among other things.

"There should be a big crowd there and tough competition," Weir said. "It'll be a good challenge, but it should be fun, and I think we'll be ready for it."

After this weekend, the men go to the Rockhurst Classic next weekend facing off against Rockhurst University and Park University.

The women face St. Mary's on Wednesday night in Bearcat Arena.

FAN PLAN

	TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest men's basketball		Warner Southern 8 p.m.	First place 8 p.m.				
Northwest women's basketball		Bemidji State 6 p.m.	Avila 6 p.m.				St. Mary's 7 p.m.
Northwest indoor track							
Maryville boy's basketball							
Maryville girl's basketball							
Maryville wrestling							

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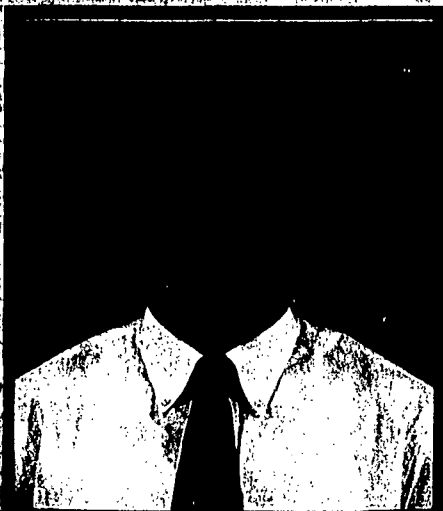
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Pitt State vs. North Dakota	ND 24-10	PSU 24-17	ND 36-28	PSU 30-21	ND 12-10	PSU 24-17
Missouri vs. K-State	MU 38-37	KSU 17-12	KSU 31-28	KSU 42-20	MU 9-7	KSU 24-10
Emporia St. vs. Winona St.	ESU 28-27	WSU 18-8	ESU 28-14	WSU 44-24	ESU 9-8	WSU 28-10
Iowa St. vs. Kansas	KU 24-7	KU 28-21	KU 28-17	KU 45-14	ISU 64-12	ISU 21-14
Michigan vs. Ohio State	Mich. 21-17	Mich. 9-8	Mich. 39-36	Mich. 20-10	OSU 9-0	Mich. 32-24
Mich. St. vs. Penn St.	MSU 31-0	MSU 14-7	MSU 31-26	MSU 18-14	PSU 34-6	MSU 28-21
Iowa vs. Wisconsin	Iowa 20-14	Iowa 17-9	Wis. 39-14	Wisc. 34-17	Wisc. 18-17	Iowa 21-14
Boston Col. vs. Va. Tech.	VT 21-3	VT 25-21	VT 28-12	VT 56-10	BC 4-3	VT 45-14
Green Bay vs. San Francisco	GB 28-24	SF 17-14	GB 36-13	GB 31-21	GB 17-16	SF 28-21
Chicago vs. Denver	Den. 31-7	Den. 21-10	Den. 28-17	Den. 38-13	Chi. 9-0	Den. 31-10
KC vs. Oakland	KC 42-28	KC 52-3	KC 36-14	KC 28-21	OAK 17-15	OAK 27-24
Redskins vs. Dolphins	Mia. 23-20	Mia. 19-14	Mia. 36-17	Mia. 17-10	Wash. 36-17	Mia. 32-24
Carolina vs. Dallas	Car. 17-14	Dal. 28-17	Car. 17-13	Dal. 16-13	Dal. 8-6	Dal. 21-16
Bengals vs. Chargers	Cin. 27-21	SD 35-28	Cin. 28-14	SD 24-20	Cin. 17-14	Cin. 9-6
UCLA vs. USC	USC 45-7	USC 38-7	USC 31-13	USC 41-7	UCLA 9-0	USC 42-10
Season (Last Week)	86-43 (6-2)	89-40 (5-3)	83-46 (5-3)	84-45 (6-2)	84-45 (4-4)	85-44 (5-3)

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Gluttony: It's what's for dinner

Ah, once again, Thanksgiving is approaching. Turkey, pie, football, leftovers. Sitting around doing nothing but eating for a few glorious days at home. Then we will all come back and do the same here, only without the turkey.

Do we really have to wonder why the majority of America is overweight with most being considered obese? Maybe it's because too many people treat everyday like it's Thanksgiving. Sitting around, not really doing anything, eating. Okay, so there are some health-conscious people out there who are pretty careful about what they eat and try to exercise on a regular basis. Then there are those who don't have time to exercise but try to eat healthy. Then there are those of us who live on campus. We may have time to exercise, but, unless we're going to live off of salads, we don't really have much choice when it comes to healthy eating.

Yeah, I know there are options other than pizza and burgers, but who really wants to eat the same salad everyday? And how healthy are the salads that we have made anyway? Okay, so you start with lettuce and tomato. Good. Now start adding things with flavor, such as eggs, ham, turkey, cheese, mushrooms, bacon bits and dressing. Suddenly, your salad isn't quite so healthy anymore. Maybe you can get a submarine sandwich instead.



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Leave off the bread, cheese, and meat, and you may have a healthy meal. Oh wait, that leaves you with a salad. Hmmm...maybe a grilled chicken breast? Okay, that's not too bad. Get the steamed veggies instead of the macaroni and skip the bread and you actually do have a well-balanced, healthy meal. Then when you are hungry again two hours later, you can go back and get a tub of Ben & Jerry's from the freezer, because who really gets filled up from a piece of chicken and some broccoli?

Okay, so maybe instead of trying to just eat healthy, we can exercise more. You can buy a semester pass to the fitness center and work out there everyday. They have bikes, treadmills, elliptical machines and free weights to keep you busy. You can spend an hour there everyday and feel better about yourself. And hey! If you spend an hour there, then you won't even have to do too much, since you have to sign up for

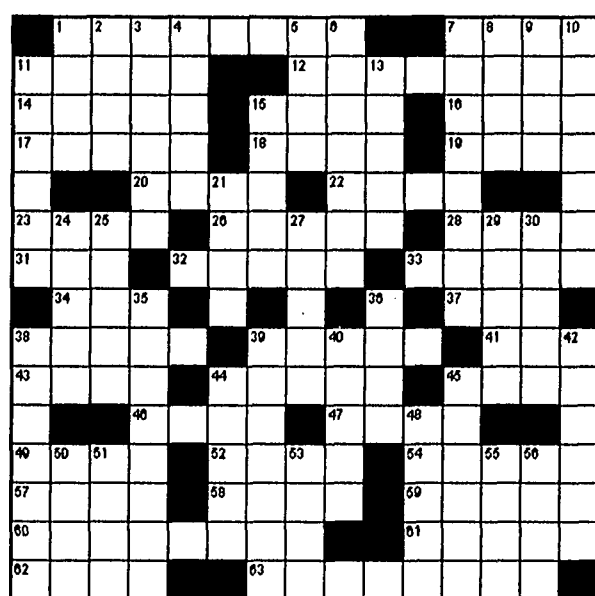
the machines, and, more often than not, you will spend more time waiting for a bike than you will actually spend on it. But this is only really true between 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. (you know, when everyone is done with class and can actually go to the gym...)

Okay, so exercise may not be as simple as we thought. The Rec Center is another option. There are some weights and an indoor track as well as basketball and racquetball. You don't have to pay to get in, so there's another advantage. This is a good place to go when it's too cold to run outside. You can also go to the pool and swim laps. So there are a few options. Don't forget the workout rooms in the residence halls!

Well, maybe finding a place to exercise isn't as hard as I thought. Finding time is another story. Not being lazy is another thing that would help...I know this is my biggest problem. I could also try to eat better, but I figure it doesn't really matter in the long run. At least I fit in with the majority of the country. When you find me dead with a turkey leg hanging out of my mouth, then you can lecture me about my eating habits. Until then, pass me the pie, it's time for dessert.

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Investigate
7. Male social club
11. Flux
12. Cut again
14. Adjust
15. Hartebeest
16. Regrets
17. Sore
18. Possesses
19. Certificate
20. Collar fastener
22. Sandy tract
23. Attic
26. Mexican food
28. Swift
31. Little ---, pop star

DOWN

32. Semisynthetic textile
33. Confused hand-to-hand fight
34. Class
37. Loud noise
38. Bay
39. Seaport in SW Spain
41. Hoardings
43. Untidy condition
44. Auctions
45. Said to attract attention
46. Hue
47. Horizontal bar of wood
49. Abbreviated abbreviation
52. Metrical unit
54. Gentle push
57. Free from doubt
58. Skirmish
59. Impostor
60. Very young children
61. Wet season
62. Immature news
63. Totes

7. Compelled to eat
8. Rake
9. Affirm with confidence
10. Having a valid will
11. Trinket
13. Tenuous substances
15. This present day
21. State in the W. United States
24. Sheep-like
25. Cascades
27. Natural resin
29. Assumed name
30. Transmits
35. Birds of prey
36. Tuscan tower
38. Deadlock
39. Inflammation of a mucous membrane
40. Bowler hat
42. Mounts
44. Smell
45. Involving more than one
48. Below
50. Memo-randa
51. Spoiled child
53. Irish county
55. Irish Parliament
56. Weapons

See answers below

on the edge

Education Facts:

■ The New York Board of Education barred the whipping of children in its schools on March 4, 1908.

■ On average, clergymen, lawyers and doctors each have 15,000 words in their vocabulary. Skilled workers who haven't had a college education know between 5,000 and 7,000 words. Farm laborers, about 1,600.

■ All education through the university level is free in the eastern European nation of Azerbaijan.

■ During the Stalin era, education in Russia was stressed. As a result, a majority of Russian women and men are very intelligent and hold degrees. In fact, Russia's literacy rate is about 98 percent.

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Kansas City	Nov. 21 Fountains of Wayne America's Pub	Nov. 22 Chris Rock Midland Theatre
Des Moines	Nov. 22 Less Than Jake Beaumont Club	Nov. 29 Barenaked Ladies Uptown Theatre
Omaha	Dec. 1 Kenny Rogers Civic Center	Dec. 26 Ross William Perry Blues on Grand
	Dec. 3 Sheena Easton Civic Center	Jan. 18 Ani DiFranco Hoyt Sherman Theatre
	Nov. 21 Rodney Carrington Omaha Civic Auditorium	Dec. 1 Stretch Armstrong Ranch Bowl
	Nov. 26 Grasshopper Takeover Sokol Auditorium	Dec. 26 Theory Ranch Bowl

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Misguided celebrities should be seen, not heard

By SEAN COMER
BUZZ REVIEWER

Just as easily as fool's gold is mistaken for the real thing, the misguided activism of the entertainment industry is all too often mistaken for educated opinion.

And boy, is it getting thick in Hollywood lately: first, Pamela Anderson publicly states in an interview that she believes she only has another decade before finally succumbing to Hepatitis C, as well as talking intimately about her fear of contracting psoriasis as a result of her illness. Now, she and hip-hop entrepreneur/self-styled humanitarian Russell Simmons have joined forces with lunatic-fringe animal rights watchdog PETA to "demand" that Kentucky Fried Chicken CEO Michael Novak meet with them to discuss the conditions on the farms where KFC raises their finger-lickin'-good chickens.

For comparable idiocy, see pseudo-star Leonardo DiCaprio "demanding" to meet with President Bush a few years back regarding his environmental policy. Because, you know, who better to consult on issues of massive environmental importance than movie stars.

To top it all off, Minnie Driver, one-hit-wonder co-star of Matt Damon and Ben Affleck in "Good Will Hunting," has proclaimed she's quitting Hollywood to go work in a southeast Asian sweatshop to gain an experienced perspective for a book she's writing on exploited sweatshop workers. So let's see: a millionaire actress is going to understand enough about the lives of dirt-poor foreign laborers after working for a year or two in these sweatshops to write a comprehensive book about the subject. That's going to take more work than jump-starting her sorry career.

All right, all this being said, the more serious

matter here is that these bozos with opinions more misguided than a Bill Clinton bomber run on the Sudan are actually being taken seriously.

Don't believe it? Let's start with Anderson's public case of hypochondria. After her interview, physicians' offices across the board were flooded with calls from frightened hepatitis C patients who feared that they themselves didn't have a whole lot of time left; this lead to several doctors publicly exposing just how wrong Anderson likely was and criticizing her for jumping the gun with her self-prognosis.

As for her flap with KFC (I know, I know, that was a bad one), I'd like to know where celebrities get off "demanding" to meet with anyone. These self-important egomaniacs honestly think that their notoriety in one industry translates to some kind of infallible carte blanche in every other sect of society.

Two words: grow up. Of course, their most recent threat hasn't come without the promise of more fanatical actions by PETA. Here's a short list of ridiculous, futile actions taken up by this mass collection of misguided, bleeding-heart liberals:

- Handing out "Unhappy Meals" filled with blood and entrails to children at McDonalds.
- Naked streaking at a mid-winter, on-ice fashion show in New York that featured several fur-bearing models. The result: several happy little nudists being treated for hypothermia and frostbite.
- Taking out ads encouraging college students to drink more beer and less milk.

Well, Pam and Russell, you're judged by the company you keep. You see, PETA has become more of an object of entertainment rather than a feared activist watchdog. They prefer extreme, ridiculous measures to rational ones. McDonald's was

not greatly hurt business-wise by what PETA did. KFC won't be either.

In a way, listening to these people is a lot like watching a "Friday the 13th" film: you have to keep telling yourself, "They can't really hurt anyone; they're just really stupid and kind of funny." But, on the other hand, every now and again, the ignorance of these people does some serious damage, such as Anderson's ignorant remarks. Her statement was foolish beyond words, and her ultimate lack of knowledge about her own illness was astonishing. However, others suffering from the same disease took her words to heart and were honestly frightened enough to actually call their respective physicians out of fear their time was running out.

What these people don't understand is that when their notoriety is attached to anything, whatever it's attached to is treated as holy by some. That's scary considering that often the views these celebrities espouse are one-sided, misinformed at best and uninformed at worst.

Take Sean Penn's summer visit to Iraq, for example. He said he went there to see the conditions for himself. And upon returning, he learned that Saddam Hussein had used his much-publicized visit as pro-Iraq, anti-U.S. propaganda.

Penn, of course, was shocked and embarrassed. Why, he had no idea that his image would be so misused.

Newsflash, Sean: Hussein loved it. Having a famous American actor effectively come and throw his support behind his dictatorship was all he could've asked for.

They say some people are better seen and not heard. Penn, Anderson, Simmons and Driver are all examples of people who probably should be neither seen nor heard.

Well, maybe we can make an exception for Anderson.

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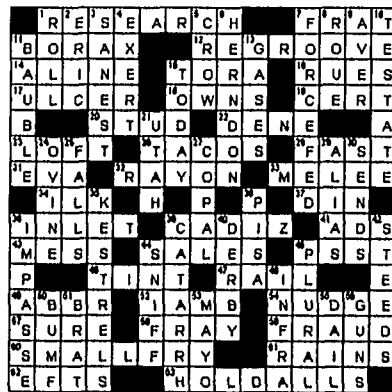
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